

## BANK ROBBERS MADE ESCAPE

Bloomfield, December 28.—With only meager clues with which to work, Stoddard county authorities today admitted that it might be several days before any suspects will be taken into custody in connection with the hold-up last Thursday of the Bank of Bell City.

The investigation has turned largely into a hunt for a suspect who had been seen loitering in Bell City for several days before the robbery, it is understood, but so far this has been unsuccessful.

Authorities believe, however, that the bandits, after staging the holdup and locking the cashier, Frank Asa, in the vault, stayed at least 24 hours within the county. Sheriff George Barham, within 30 minutes after he was notified of the robbery, was on the scene, and within an hour he had notified authorities in every other county in the district, especially those along the Mississippi river where the bandits would have to go if they expected to escape into Illinois.

As has been told, the bandits entered the bank late in the evening, secreted themselves in a rear room, and then held up the cashier after he had returned from the postoffice with a shipment of money. Including the \$1600 which had come through the mail, the robbers obtained \$5090. To cover the escape they locked Asa in the vault and he remained there for an hour before being liberated.

A second bank robbery in this section occurred in adjoining New Madrid county. In that instance, though, the bandits entered the bank at night and with an acetylene torch cut their way into the bank safe, obtaining \$11,000.

## ARTICLES BELONGING TO DEAD NEGRO FOUND

Officer Daniels and Joe L. Matthews made a diligent search of all outbuildings on the property of the late Joe L. Matthews, E. C. Matthews, and Joe L. Matthews, last Sunday to locate the pistol that Joe Hunter, who was killed, was known to have, and for the sack of silver money that he was supposed to have had. Their efforts were not rewarded.

Tuesday, Joe L. Matthews, Jr., and John Wilson, small boys, climbed on top of a shed on the Joe Matthews place and saw a pistol sticking out of the snow and with the pistol was the sack containing about \$17 in silver. No paper money was found.

Young Joe tried to fire the pistol, but it had become rusty from being exposed to the rain and snow and refused to act. However, the small boys divided the silver between them and were well satisfied with their find until the money was taken from them and turned over to the police officials.

One of the suspects being held at Benton was at the J. L. Matthews home when the unconscious man was found, but displayed no signs of interest. Circumstances pointed strongly to "Popeyed Bob" from the start and the finding of the pistol and the silver bring the crime closer to him.

## MRS. RONALD BUCKLES OPENS NEW MUSIC SHOP

The corner room of the Beck Building has been rented by Mrs. Ronald Buckles under the name of the Music Buckles and will be run as a music shop.

She will keep on hand at all times, a full line of the latest records for both Edison and Brunswick Victrolas, sheet music, magazines, cigars, candy, etc. Mrs. Buckles was with the Lair Co. for a long time and is familiar with the lines she will handle.

## GOVERNMENT TO TAKE POISON FROM ALCOHOL

Washington, December 28.—The government today ordered an inventory of all denatured alcohol preparatory to issuance of a new formula for industrial plants which will denature the alcohol along more distasteful, but less poisonous lines.

While not apologizing for using wood alcohol as a denaturant in an attempt to prevent the diversion of industrial alcohol to beverage uses, Assistant Secretary Andrews, in charge of enforcement, hopes to make the alcohol unusable by less poisonous means if possible.

Mrs. C. C. Beasley continues in very poor health at her home in this city.

## SUPPOSED CHICKEN THIEVES CAUGHT

Recently several parties down on the Chute have been missing chickens. Judge George Wilks has lost something like 100 fowls.

Sheriff Smith informed this office that on last Thursday morning about daylight, D. C. Curtis and Albert Jarbo, living near the Chute, arrived in Sikeston with an auto load of chickens and attempted to sell them to a buyer. The early hour and the fact that they were strangers aroused suspicion that all was not right. Local officers arrested the two and notified Sheriff Smith, who went to Sikeston and brought the prisoners to this city and lodged them in the county jail.

The Sikeston chicken buyer stated that the load of chickens were worth about \$42, a sufficient amount to send a thief to the penitentiary if stolen in the day time, and if stolen in the night time, one fowl unlawfully taken subjects the thief to a similar sentence.

It is hoped that all parties guilty of the low and abominable practice of stealing chickens will receive adequate punishment. Sheriff Smith states that one of the accused parties has made a confession of guilt.—Caruthersville Democrat.

## REPUBLICANS DECIDE COURSE IN SMITH CASE

Washington, December 27.—Republican Senators have decided upon the course they will adopt toward Farnk L. Smith if, as expected, he appears next week to present his credentials to fill the vacancy until March 4 created by the death of Senator McKinley of Illinois.

Acting under the direction of a group of prominent Republicans, Senator Curtis, party leader in the Senate, today drafted an unanimous consent agreement to have his case referred immediately to the Committee on Privileges and Elections with instructions to report within five days and to have the recommendation of the committee immediately debated and finally voted upon within five days of its submission.

The Republicans hope to dispose of the case within ten days after Smith arrives, and thus avoid the danger of an extra session which might be brought about by unlimited debate on the Ashurst motion to bar Smith without even letting him enter the chamber.

The agreement will be submitted when Smith's credentials of appointment are presented. The Republicans do not anticipate every member of the Senate will agree to it. They will reply to objection by putting the same proposal in the form of a motion, which would require merely a majority vote for passage.

## PECANS IN TEXAS SHOW FINE YIELDS

W. F. D. Batjer, secretary of the Southeast Missouri Association, today was exhibiting several large pecans, samples from trees which he planted on a farm he once owned in West Texas twenty years ago. The nuts were sent him by his brother, who secured them from the present owner.

Batjer planted the trees against the advice of the farmers in that community, but in six years he had the satisfaction of seeing them beginning to bear and they have produced fruit regularly since that time. Owing to the fine quality of the pecans, they are sold at from 75 cents to \$1 per pound.—Cape Missourian.

NOTICE—Any dogs found inside of my fence will be killed.—Fred Paul, 3tpd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Woods entertained seven couples at the Del Rey Hotel Wednesday evening with a six o'clock dinner.

Mrs. A. E. Lawrence was called to Northeast Missouri, Wednesday, by a telegram stating that a sister residing near Fulton had died.

The D. A. R. will meet Saturday, January 8, at the home of Mrs. A. C. Barrett. Mesdames Barrett and M. M. Beck will be the hostesses.

Mrs. Laura Smith entertained her family with an old-fashioned Christmas dinner Tuesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Crowe of Dexter were here for the event.

The Woman's Club of Commerce has given the high school an emergency cot for the care of pupils who may become sick while at school or may be injured in athletics.

## Good Bye Old Year-- Welcome to the New

### A Message from the Heart to Our Loyal Friends and Patrons

The year just closing seemed short to us but we presume it passed quickly because we were busy and the fact that we have been busy prompted us to stop with the sounding of the signal or the passing of 1926 to give thanks for the patrons who have made our business possible.

### And This Is Our New Year Wish For You

May the sunshine be brighter, the sky more blue, friends more true and your pathway free from any obstructions to hinder your success and happiness. May the opportunity for helpful service come to you and may 1927 bring you new and broader visions of life that will prove helpful and inspiring to you and those about you.

To all of our patrons we send our best wishes and hearty thanks for patronage, large or small. We want to serve you in 1927.

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## CAIRO IS PREPAR- ING FOR BANDITS

Cairo, Ill., December 28.—Bandits coming to Cairo will get a warm reception as 19 men here and in this immediate vicinity have been given special deputy commissions, while arms of all kinds have been distributed for use against law breakers.

Eight special deputies have been sworn in here, while 11 have been named at Thebes and Olive Branch and at other points in the county. Machine guns, riot guns and heavy caliber revolvers are to be placed at convenient points for immediate use.

In addition, eight sharpshooters from Company K of the Illinois National Guard, have been organized in a bandit pursuit unit and will be armed with long range rifles and two machine guns and they will travel in high powered cars.

Arthur Reese of Houston, Texas is visiting his mother, Mrs. S. R. Reese and other relatives.

FOR SALE—Sellar's kitchen cabinet, ivory bedroom suite, 4 pieces. Apply to Mrs. Norman Davis, 523 N. New Madrid Street, phone 332. 3t.

Tom L. Tanner is slowly improving from injuries received at Charleston when a ladder on which he was working, broke, letting him fall to the ground. An X-ray taken by Dr. Grinstead at Cairo shows that his pelvic bone was broken. It will be several weeks before he can lay aside his crutches.

Peter Marshall Carroll, one of the twin boys born to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Carroll, died at the family residence near Vanduser Christmas Day and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery at Sikeston, Monday, December 27. The funeral services were held at St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church, Rev. Fr. Woods officiating. The lad was born January 21, 1925. He had never been a very robust lad, but the immediate cause of death was pneumonia.

## SAYS MISSOURI MUSEUMS ARE NOT PROPERLY USED

Jefferson City, December 28.—The Missouri Itesources Museum in the State Capitol Building is being turned into a "curio museum", while both it and the historic museum are being used for other than the purposes for which they were designed, declared E. W. Stephens, Columbia, in a letter made public here today. Stephens was chairman of the State Capitol Commission, which supervised the erection of the Statehouse. His letter, to a state official, suggested the coming Legislature should be asked to restore the museums to the purpose for which they were designed.

The chairman of the State Capitol Commission asserted that the resources museum was "intended to be an exhibition of all the counties of the state, the physical, educational and intellectual resources", and added that "every county would then have an opportunity to have its products brought before the general public".

"It is being turned, I fear, more into a museum of curios", he said. "It was not intended to be a museum of that kind and I hope that it will be brought back to its original purpose".

Miss Ellen DuBois has returned from Cobden, Ill., where she went to hang up her stocking at her father's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arba Sensenbaugh of St. Louis spent the holidays in this city, the guests of their sons, M. M. and A. L. Sensenbaugh. Mr. Sensenbaugh is traveling through the Southern States for the John Deere Plow Company.

There came near being a serious affair at the Christmas tree entertainment at the Kewanee School House, when a kerosene lamp was accidentally turned over, setting fire to a few flimsy decorations. Luckily no particular damage was done and the program was carried out as though nothing had happened.

## FARMER'S THROAT SLASHED BY NEGRO

Bloomfield, December 27.—Franklin Cook, farmer of near Clines Island, is recovering following an attack by a negro who slashed his throat with a pocketknife, and then escaped. The wound, three inches in length, was near the jugular vein. Cook had ordered the negro from his home some time before and his thought to have caused the attack.

Frank Wallace, of Monette, Ark., was the guest of Miss Evelyn Sutton in this city, this week.

The Lutherans of Sikeston will have services at Miner Switch Sunday morning, January 2, at 10:30. All are welcome.—E. H. Kober, Pastor. LOST—On Christmas day, on the main highway between East Prairie and Sikeston, a black handbag, containing children's and men's clothing. Reasonable reward if returned to Mrs. W. C. Combs, East Prairie.

Mrs. J. Z. Sutton entertained with a six o'clock dinner Tuesday evening at her home on Dorothy Street. Covers were laid for Frank Wallace of Monette, Ark., Miss Evelyn Sutton of Galesburg, Ill., Miss Hyacinth Sheppard, Carroll and Lynn Sutton and J. Z. Sutton.

STRAYED—From my place, three mules, 1 black mare mule, 5 years old, 16 hands high; one brown mare mule, 15 hands high, about 9 years old; one brown bay horse mule about 7 years old, 16 hands. Reward for information leading to recovery.—Grover C. Baker.

Dr. Leo H. Schnurbusch, formerly of Sikeston, has located at Marshall, Mo., for the practice of his profession, that of chiropractic surgery. While a citizen of this city Dr. Schnurbusch and his wife made many friends who were sorry to see them leave and who will now wish them well in their location. The Standard highly recommends this couple to the good people of Marshall.

## MO. PACIFIC SPECIAL AGENT SLAIN AT CAIRO

Cairo, Ill., December 29.—Given no chance to defend himself, Scott Everett, special agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, former police desk sergeant and war veteran, was shot to death by an unseen assailant last night as he sat in the saloon of Elbert Thomas.

The slayer fired four or five charges from a shotgun from the outside through the front plate-glass window. Everett had just gone inside the place and occupied a settee within six feet of where the glass was shattered by the charges of shot that killed him instantly.

Thomas said that Everett apparently was entirely unaware of the approach of danger. Thomas had sat down beside Everett and narrowly escaped death. Two of the small shot struck him over the right ear, but did not penetrate to a serious depth.

The slayer left no tangible clew. Self-styled witnesses to the shooting have been found but tell conflicting and widely diverging stories.

A wolf hound, which no one has claimed, appeared after the shooting and today refused to leave the settee on which Everett had sat. The dog's dismal howling was the only sound as the saloon was closed after the tragedy.

Everett had made many enemies during his career as an officer and it is believed by the authorities that one of these planned the murder and imported gangsters for the actual attack.

## MONTHLY CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST WORKERS CONVENE

The monthly conference of the Baptist workers of the Charleston Association will convene with the East Prairie Baptist Church on January 3, 1927. Following is the program which will be rendered at that time:

10:00—Devotional....W. D. McCoy  
10:30—Reports From the Field—  
"Christ's Program For His Churches"  
11:00—Locally.....T. M. Estes  
11:30—"In the Regions Roundabout"  
.....L. C. Howard  
12:00—"In the Regions Beyond"  
.....S. P. Brite

12:30—Luncheon.  
1:15—Board Meeting  
1:45—W. M. S. Program, led by Mrs. Clara E. Graham.  
2:30—Bible Study, led by S. W. Driggers.

3:00—Adornment.  
If desirable evening services will be arranged by local church.

## SENIOR B. Y. P. U. ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Senior, B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church elected the following officers to serve during the year 1927:

President—A. H. Johnson.  
Vice President—Meredith Lee  
Secretary—Ormand Barnes.  
Treasurer—Carlos McKinney  
Corresponding Secretary—Dorothy Morris.  
Pianist—Margaret Whidden  
Chorister—Mac Bomer.  
Bible Instructor—Rev. S. P. Brite.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard had as their dinner guest, Tuesday at noon, Arthur Reese of Houston, Texas.

G. Martin of Illmo will attend the International Rotary convention at Ostend, Belgium, June 5-10, as a delegate from the Illmo-Fornfelt Rotary Club.

LOST—On December 24, a small egg case, between Pinnell Store Co., and old Tile Factory, with children's stockings, ties, towels, handkerchiefs and other Xmas goods inside. Please return to Pinnell Store Co. or Sidney Johnson, R. 2, box 123, Sikeston, Mo.

The Merry Dance Club held their regular dance at the Armory Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Law as host and hostess. Favors of Christmas caps and confetti were distributed and refreshments of ice cream and angel food cake were served to the guests. Those present pronounced it one of the jolliest dances of the season.

The Amoma Girls of the Baptist Church will be hostess to the young people of the church on New Year's eve. The evening will start with a "kid party" at 7:30. Everyone is expected to come dressed as a child. The party will continue until 11 at which time it will be turned into a Watch Party and the last hour of the year will be spent in song and devotional service.

## COAST GUARD CUTTERS WILL PATROL HERE

Armed coast guard revenue cutters, operating under the direction of the government prohibition unit, will patrol the Mississippi river in the vicinity of Cape Girardeau to break up the illicit liquor-making industry, reported to be flourishing on islands in the river, it was learned here today.

Two cutters of the government coast guard are already in service on the river and have made two raids in the vicinity of Memphis, Tenn., according to reports reaching here, and two additional ones are to be placed in service immediately.

Headquarters will be maintained at Memphis, but the boats will be assigned to patrol the river from a point near St. Louis to Vicksburg, with each boat probably having a definite territory and headquarters along the river.

In addition to breaking up the liquor-manufacturing establishments on the river islands, the boats will also be used to run down fleet motorboats which are used to convey liquor smuggled from the Gulf to inland towns.

Each of the cutters will be armed with long range guns and will be armored in case of a battle with rum runners. They will be manned by coast guardsmen, but prohibition agents will accompany each boat in the event of raids on islands.

Captain Homlimen has been placed in charge of the fleet, but its operations will be directed by Alvin J. Howe, the deputy prohibition administrator at Memphis, co-operating with the prohibition forces at St. Louis.

The exact base of operations will be kept secret and in case of raids, the prohibition agents will board the boats at different points. As was the case of a raid Sunday, the boats were kept under cover and were boarded by the agents at Helena, Ark., and then they dashed to Scandlin's bar where a big still and several thousand gallons of mash were destroyed.

In another raid, similarly executed the cutters carried the agents to the Josie-Harry Island, 18 miles south of Memphis and seized 9000 gallons of mash and a big still, and on still another raid on President's island in the same vicinity, destroyed a 1000-gallon still.—Cape Missourian.

## THE STAR RESTAURANT OPENED WEDNESDAY

The Star Restaurant in the Sexton Building on Front Street opened its doors for business Wednesday and sold out their dinner lines early.

The Star is operated by Mesdames Sexton and Willis, who are not novices at the business, having engaged a like business at Joppa, Illinois, for a number of years. Everything in this place is new from the kitchen range, utensils, dishes in the back room to the large soda fountain and furniture in the main dining room. At the rear end of the dining room is a large counter from which short orders can be served promptly. A steam cabinet is one the road and will be installed upon arrival from which hot short order meals can be served at any hour.

One of the beauties of The Star, and one that will appeal to the hungry public, is that all of the pies, cakes, puddings, etc., will be cooked in their own kitchen by one or the other of the proprietors who are artists in that line.

The editor acknowledges the bountiful helping of some very rich pie and marshmallow roll with whipped cream, that was set before him by these ladies.

While driving to St. Louis Christmas morning a closed automobile carrying Fred Naeter and little daughter, George A. Naeter and Miss Nora Naeter, skidded on the icy pavement at a point near the intersection of highways Nos. 61 and 51 and turned over several times, landing in a deep ditch. The car was apparently demolished, but none of the occupants was seriously injured and none received a cut. All were bruised and George Naeter suffered a severe strain of the muscles of the back, which has kept him in bed since that time. Jamies M. Brennecke, Jackson, a star route mail carrier, took the party in his car to Jackson and turned them over to a service car driver. The Naeter family braved the severe storm, hoping to spend the day with Mrs. Fred Naeter, who is in a hospital in St. Louis.—Cape Missourian.



## SKESTON STANDARD

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The farmers of the country should  
now rest easy as Hon. Charles Nagel  
of St. Louis has announced the fol-  
lowing leading agriculturists of the  
United States to tell the farmers just  
what is the matter with them and  
how to keep it from hurting: Rob-  
ert W. Bingham, publisher of  
the Louisville Courier-Journal and  
Times, Louisville. E. N. Brown,  
chairman of the board, St. Louis.  
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Corp., New York; Paul M. War-  
burg, chairman of the board Interna-  
tional Acceptance Corp., New York.

This will be the last issue of The  
Standard for the year 1926. The  
year, for The Standard, has been a  
fair one, financially, in that we have  
been able to meet our obligations  
and take care of our credit. We have  
worked hard, put in long hours, and  
have carried on with a minimum  
force. Thanks to the loyalty of this  
force, we've been able to overcome  
obstacles and produce results where it  
seemed impossible. We have tried  
to be fair and considerate to this  
force and by their ready response  
when the call came, we feel that they  
are satisfied. To them we owe a  
great measure of what success we  
may have had. During the New  
Year The Standard will carry on as  
heretofore, with no bosses, but all co-  
workers and on an equal footing, and  
trust that good health and three  
meals a day will at least be the por-  
tion of each of this family of good  
fellows.

New Years Greetings to our wor-  
thy competitor. May 1927 be a pros-  
perous year to him. May good health  
be with him and his family. May he  
have no troubles, but if so, may they  
be little ones.

We heard a married man say that  
the greatest objection he had to the  
radio was that he frequently was  
suddenly aroused from slumber by  
the announcer, whom he mistook for  
another man talking to his wife!

The Standard editor would like the  
ministers of the city, the teachers,  
the City Dads, and others interested  
in the welfare of this community,  
tell us what they believe we can best  
do during the New Year to make this  
a better community in which to live  
and bring up a family.

The cable construction crew of the  
telephone company were brought  
from Paragould, Ark., to make re-  
pairs on Skeston cables caused by  
shots from B B rifles in the hands of  
small boys shooting at birds on the  
cable. The shot makes a dent in  
the cable that soon causes a leak  
which lets in water that grounds the  
telephones for several blocks each di-  
rection. Parents should caution kids  
with these air rifles.

We know not what the New Year  
has in store for us, but we hope the  
Good Lord will deal gently with us  
through the New Year. We trust He  
will guide the seasons and conditions  
that our farmer friends may again  
prosper. That He will endow our  
merchants with the patience and  
fortitude required in lean times. That  
He will give our workers strength  
and will power to carry on notwith-  
standing seemingly insurmountable  
obstacles. That He will give our  
preachers, teachers and professional  
men wisdom and strength to lead on  
to better things.

But Christmas is not only the mile-  
mark of another year, moving us to  
thoughts of self-examination,—it is a  
season, from all its associations,  
whether domestic or religious, sug-  
gesting thought of joy. A man dis-  
satisfied with his endeavors is a man  
tempted to sadness. And in the midst  
of winter, when his life runs lowest  
and he is reminded of the empty  
chairs of his beloved, it is well that  
he should be condemned to this fash-  
ion of the smiling face.—Robert  
Louis Stevenson.

## I READ IN THE PAPERS THAT—

In the North China Star, the daily  
English-language newspaper publish-  
ed at Tientsin, China, Charles James  
Fox, the editor, has some interesting  
comments on Senator William E.  
Borah. He writes "Under the title  
"The Senator Nobody Knows—Borah  
the Enigma—A Politician Who Will  
Not Play Politics", The Dearborn In-  
dependent has an interesting and in-  
structive article on the Senior Sena-  
tor from Idaho. It says "Yet Borah  
is probably better known in Europe  
than any other American except the  
President". It might with equal  
truth have added, "And Borah is bet-  
ter known in China than any other  
American not excepting the Presi-  
dent".

"Ask almost any educated Chinese  
young or old, to name someone in  
American history and his answer is  
almost invariably Lin Kun, which is  
his pronunciation of Lincoln. Ask the  
same man to mention a great living  
American and nine times out of ten  
his reply is Bor Ah. Stories of the  
life of Lincoln are to be found in all  
parts of China and every Chinese  
who has been lucky enough to go to  
school, has read them in his youth.  
Anything about Borah has "news  
value", in China."

What is believed to be the last re-  
maining vestige of political discrimi-  
nation against women—ineligibility  
to sit in a state legislature—has been  
ended. Iowa, the only state in the  
Union which prohibited women from  
having a direct voice in the passage  
of state statutes, put the eligibility  
question up to the voters in Novem-  
ber with the result that an amend-  
ment to the state constitution, which  
makes women eligible as members of  
the state legislature, was approved.  
The granting of woman suffrage by  
constitutional amendment six years  
ago in most instances automatically  
granted to women equal officeholding  
rights with men. The constitutions  
of only a few states needed to be  
changed in this respect.

From a prison cell comes an editor-  
ial on crime. It appears in The Echo,  
published by the convicts in Penn-  
sylvania's Western State Peniten-  
tiary at Pittsburgh, and it bears a  
message for newspaper editor and  
newspaper reader alike:

"Where could the young criminal  
find a better schooling in crime than  
from the front pages of the daily  
newspapers and the feature articles

in the supplements of the Sunday pa-  
pers? To speak of them as primers  
of crime would be mild. If one were  
seriously bent on compiling a hand-  
book of crime, for use of criminals,  
all necessary material could be taken  
from our average daily newspapers.  
"Let any unprejudiced person, who  
thinks the above is overdrawn, study  
the first newspaper that comes to  
hand, and read the headlines of the  
featured news. Then read the de-  
tail with which every phase of any  
crime is described; the methods used  
in committing the act; the supposed  
manner of escape; what the detec-  
tives have discovered in the way of  
clues and how they plan to catch the  
perpetrators. Then search for news  
regarding some of the worth-while  
things in life, some noble action, a  
deed of devoted self-sacrifice in the  
interests of mankind, any one of the  
things that help to make the world  
better and inspire emulation in the  
hearts of others. Do you find it on  
the front page, with a heading an  
inch high? Or is it more often found  
on an inside page in an inconspicuous  
place? What impression can the  
criminal mind receive when it sees  
crime hold the chief place in the  
world?"

Five-year-old Patricia Conroy, says  
the New York Times, is proud of her  
father, Martin Conroy, and of the  
songs he had composed and publish-  
ed. She stood listening to a phono-  
graph the other day, hearing a soft-  
throated tenor singing "If I Had a  
Girl Like You". Suddenly she jump-  
ed up, clapped her hands and shout-  
ed: "That's daddy's song! That's  
daddy's song!"

So her "daddy" filed a suit for \$200,  
000 against the Jerome H. Remick  
Company, music publishers, for al-  
leged piracy of a song which he had  
written in 1914 and which he pub-  
lished and copyrighted in 1921. It  
was entitled "I Wonder What Makes  
Me Love You".

Mr. Conroy says the Remick song,  
published last year, was lifted bodily  
from his own published and copy-  
righted composition. The reply of the  
Remick Company will be that both  
songs are direct and obvious steals  
from Johann Strauss' "Blue Danube  
Waltz", which is not copyrighted.

To be 'is' or not to be 'is'—that is  
the question which still confronts  
high officials of the Burlington Rail-  
road. After two months of eager  
searching they are still unenlighten-  
ed as to when 'is' is to be 'are', and  
when 'are' is to be 'is'. It all came  
about when a vice-president in a cir-  
cular wrote: "Along the right of way  
is a tremendous area in which is pro-  
duced two-thirds of the oats and  
more than half the corn in the United  
State".

The passenger traffic manager  
erased 'is' and substituted 'are'. The  
vice-president reinserted 'is'. Then  
each appealed to higher authority.

Chicago University said 'is' is cor-  
rect. Northwestern University up-  
held 'are'. The dispute was carried  
up to Harvard. That institution ap-  
proved 'is'. A dictionary stood by  
'are'.

The vice-president wired Princeton  
and the traffic manager wired Yale.  
The answering telegrams came in to-  
gether.

"Princeton prefers 'is", gleefully  
shouted the vice-president.

"William Lyon Phelps votes 'are'  
for Yale", retorted the traffic manager.  
Finally they tossed a coin. 'Is' won.

Druggists of Dayton, Ohio, have  
taken a step toward ridding their  
stores of salacious and suggestive  
magazines, which may be widely fol-  
lowed throughout the country. At a  
meeting of their association, they  
adopted and signed the following res-  
olution: "Be it resolved, that a com-  
mittee be appointed to act as censors  
for the magazines and periodicals  
sold on our stands, for the purpose of  
controlling the output of indecent and  
salacious, if not illegal, magazines  
that are continually placed on the  
market by certain publishers who  
have no regard for moral decency, but  
simply plan their nefarious practice  
for personal gain. We are of the  
opinion that such publications con-  
tribute in no small degree to moral  
lassitude and lawlessness, detrimen-  
tal to moral and physical welfare".

One of every three persons in New  
York City is a Jew.

The American home, in its econom-  
ic aspect, is as much a business pro-  
position as any industrial corpora-  
tion, just as dependent on good man-  
agement, just as subject to failure  
through bad management. In all this  
talk about prosperity, we forget that  
the first point where insolvency be-  
gins is in the American Family, and  
that the origin of it is debt which  
represents no productive investment.  
Credit that burdens the family in-  
stead of releasing the family's en-  
ergies is the initial blow at prosperity.  
To keep the American family solvent  
and independent, carefully protected  
by sound household management, is  
the first requisite of national prosper-  
ity.—Henry Ford.



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unbiased agency where you can secure the facts about  
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siness Bureau of St. Louis, Inc., is "Before You Invest—  
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are presented about it. And, you should know the facts  
about any other kind of an institution before you put  
money into it.

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from this organization, without any obligation upon  
you upon application at our office.

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of SAINT LOUIS, Inc.

Some features of the oft-told story  
of William Scott, arrested for sleep-  
ing on post, sentenced to be shot, and  
saved by President Lincoln, seem to  
have come from the imagination of  
those who related the Civil War in-  
cident, rather than from facts. Will-  
iam E. Barton, who says he has spent  
years investigating the story, search-  
ing the files of the war department,  
relates in the Dearborn Independent  
that he finds that Lincoln did not  
issue the pardon and that Lincoln did  
not ride out to the Chain Bridge, ar-  
riving in a cloud of dust as the firing  
squad was standing ready to fire. In-

stead, the pardon was issued by or-  
der to Maj. Gen. George B. Mc-  
Clellan. The President had asked for  
the reprieve of Scott, but he had no  
further hand in the incident.—K. C.  
Star.

An army mule which strayed away  
from an army post in Panama was

discovered forty-seven days later in  
a ten-foot hole, with saddle and  
bridle still on. He had subsisted on  
vegetation in the hole, and such wa-  
ter as fell his way.

On some of the large ranches in  
Wyoming it is estimated that fifteen  
per cent of the cattle are stolen in a  
year.

## As Father Time Draws the Curtains of Time on 1926 We Pause to Think

And as we look back over the days of the year  
gone by we see some things we might have done  
and some we might have left undone, but one  
thing we feel is as unchanged as it was the day  
we entered business and that is sincere apprecia-  
tion of our patrons and our earnest desire each day  
to serve them better. The approach of a new year  
brings renewed interest in our regular patrons and  
strengthens our desire to serve others. But in the  
midst of it all we stop to "take stock" so to speak  
and we find on hand a generous supply of good  
wishes as we pass this one along to you—

May 1927 Be the Best You  
Have Known

Bringing to you the joys that come from health, prosperity  
and contentment. We want to thank you for your patronage  
during the old year. We assure you that we have striven in  
word and action to merit your confidence and good will, and  
with the coming of 1927 we anticipate the pleasure of con-  
tinuing to number you among our friends and customers.  
This message we hope, will find its way to those who have  
helped to make this business what it is today.

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### CHILDREN'S ILLS

Arkansas Lady Says She Has  
Never Found a Better Laxa-  
tive Than Thedford's  
Black-Draught.

Mineral Springs, Ark.—"We use  
Black-Draught in our family of six  
children," says Mrs. C. E. Nutt, of  
this place, "and we find it a good  
bowel regulator. I give it to my  
children for colds and constipation,  
or any other stomach disorders,  
and it certainly is very helpful. I  
have never known it to fail them.  
Where there are so many children,  
it is a good idea to keep a laxative  
on hand, and Black-Draught is what  
we use."

"I have taken it myself for indi-  
gestion. I would feel dizzy, have gas  
and sour stomach. I would also feel  
a tightness in my chest. I took a  
good dose of Thedford's Black-  
Draught when I felt that way and  
it would relieve me. I would feel  
better for days."

"My husband takes Black-Draught  
for biliousness. He says he has  
never found its equal. When he has  
the tired, heavy feeling, he takes  
Black-Draught night and morning  
for a few days and he doesn't com-  
plain any more. I sure do recom-  
mend Black-Draught."

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### TELLS HOW TO AVOID ACCIDENTS IN HOMES

Practically all of the 20,000 fatal accidents that took place in American homes last year could have been prevented if the victims had been careful, avers Homer E. Niesz, vice president of the National Safety Council, which is endeavoring to conserve the lives and limbs and property of persons while they are working, walking, motoring, swimming, or resting at home. Here are some safety suggestions for housewives:

Taking down pictures may result in a fatal fall if you don't use a substantial stepladder, instead of a rocking chair or some other substitute.

Put Eddie's express wagon where nobody will trip over it.

Slipping on icy pavements can be prevented if every property owner and tenant will sprinkle some sawdust, dirt or ashes in front of their buildings.

Make sure that the garage doors and windows are open when anybody starts the engine in the family car and you will prevent another case of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Be careful lest you are shocked through handling electrical appliances. Always buy from responsible houses that sell standard products. Read the instructions issued by the public utility companies carefully and be sure to follow them, if you would live a little longer.

Remember, home dry cleaning is not only economical. Be especially careful when handling explosives for this purpose.

Should not be hung to dry clothes.

Phone numbers of department hung.

Know the alarm.

as a minimum, according to

report just compiled, to be presented to the State School Administrative Association.

The charge is made that the Legislature in 1925, diverted money from the school funds because "the school officials would kick less effectively".

The report recommends that pressure be brought to bear on the 1927 Legislature to be more generous with public school appropriations.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruskin Cook are moving to St. Louis, where they expect to make their future home. Ruskin will be associated with an insurance company.

Three more Civil Service students of Chillicothe Business College this month received mail clerk appointments at \$1700 a year, two at Kansas City, the other at Des Moines.

We have several attractive farms for rent to men who can finance themselves for the coming year, one of 240 acres located near Kennett, will allow renter to clear additional land for spring crop, balance near Gideon.—The Gideon-Anderson Co., Gideon, Mo., 2t.

### MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Kansas City—Palmolive Soap Co. and Peet Bros. Soap Co., of Kansas City, to merge.

Slater—Shirt factory considering locating in this town.

Marshall—Marshall-Slater highway No. 20 to be graveled.

Slater—New traffic signals being installed at various intersections in city.

Cedar Creek—Highway No. 65 between Cedar Creek and Bothwell to be paved.

Union—New Franklin County courthouse and jail to be erected here.

Union—Union-Washington road being improved.

Washington—Plans under way for erection of bridge over Missouri River here.

Purdy—Ozark Power & Water Co. offers to purchase city light plant.

Cassville—Work started on construction of highway No. 44 from Cassville to Exeter.

Carthage—Bids requested for improvement of highway No. 36 south of this city.

Pierce City—Million Smiles Poultry Farm and Ozark Hatchery installing two new model incubators in plant here.

Lexington—New athletic stadium to be erected at Wenworth Military Academy.

Kansas City—Missouri-U. S. highway No. 71 from Kansas City to Carthage to be graveled.

Ozark—New Ozark Cheese Factory starts operations here.

Bee Ridge—Five truckloads hogs shipped from here recently.

Kansas City—B. M. Jehudah synagogue at 11th and Oak Streets, to be remodeled.

Shelbyville—Northeast Missouri Association to hold annual here in January.

Plans under way for construction of city building for Union County.

to Coldwater.

is knocking at our purchase city light plant.

Rector—Arkansas-Mo. Power Co. to extend high line to connect with main trunk power line at Rector serving seven towns in Arkansas and Missouri.

Schell City—Several streets of city to be improved.

Tuscumbia—New bridge to be erected over Osage River between Tuscumbia and Iberia.

Centralia—Elder Manufacturing Company may establish factory here.

Boonville—Repairs being made to front of Boonville National Bank.

South St. Louis—New electric street lighting system installed in downtown section of South St. Louis.

Chillicothe—New paved highway to be constructed between Chillicothe and Trenton.

Kansas City—New automatic block signals installed on Missouri Pacific Railroad, from Kansas City to St. Louis.

Pleasant Hill—Penn Lubric Oil Company's new filling station at Lake and Paul Street finished.

Kansas City—Road from Kansas City to Joplin to be paved.

Caruthersville—St. Louis, Kennett & Southeastern Railroad sold to Frisco Railroad.

Mexico—Continental Bank Supply Co. to establish factory here.

Piedmont—Work started on new hydroelectric power dam near here by Black River Hydro-Electric Co.

Salem—Salem Light & Power Co. sold to American Utilities Co.

Chula—Bank of Chula and Farmers & Merchants Bank merge.

Ferguson—New sewers being laid in district No. 11.

Columbia—New law building nearing completion at University of Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buchanan were down from St. Louis to spend Christmas with the family of C. C. Buchanan.

Charlie Frank spent three days of the week in Matthews assisting the Emory Store Co. in their annual invoice.

L. J. Gollwitzer and Sam Fitzsimmons of Cleveland, Ohio, are in Skeston looking over the Himmel oil well. They are investors in the Eldorado, Ark., oil field.

Neal Gilbert and three companions sailed from New York Wednesday morning for Venezuela, where they have a three-years' contract with the Western Supply Co. of Oklahoma.

The insurance adjusters have settled the loss on the Dye Hotel and carpenters are at work to remodel same. The sharp gables will be omitted from the building and a flat roof substituted. Provided the weather remains fair, it will be but a few weeks until the New Dye will be open and ready for business.

Col. Arnold, owner of general merchandise stores at Portageville and Vanduser, has closed a three-year lease on the store room now occupied by Henry Hill's H. & S. Economy Store and expects to stock the room with new goods the coming week. One of the rooms in the Beck Building is being put in order for the H. & S. Economy Store.

Mrs. A. B. Skillman entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner Wednesday, complimentary to her son, Vernon, who left that evening for St. Louis, where he is attending Washington University. After dinner, two tables of bridge furnished the entertainment. Among the invited guests were: Misses Sarah Malone, Barbara Beck, Elizabeth Stallcup, Louise Stubblefield and Lucille Stubblefield, Messrs. Vernon Skillman, Milton Blanton, Spencer Black, Wendell Ensor, David Blanton and Murry Q. Tanner of Webster Groves.

Dr. and Mrs. Handy L. Smith entertained with a six o'clock dinner Monday evening, at their home on Tanner Street, in honor of their son, Linn, who is a student at the University of Missouri. The home was decorated with poinsettias and ferns. The dinner, served in three course, was beautifully set off by the light of twelve individual candles. Covers were laid for: Miss Anita Winchester, Miss Lottie Dover, Miss Dorothy Lillard, Miss Elizabeth Stallcup, Miss Hilma Black, Miss Lillian Shields, Mr. Milton Blanton, Mr. Billie Keith, Mr. Charles D. Matthews III, Mr. John Sikes, Mr. Jack Bowman and Mr. Linn Smith.

### SIAM GIVES HONOR TO NEW WHITE ELEPHANT

Another white elephant has been born in North Siam and brought south to Cheng Mai for inspection by the authorities. It entered the city attended by a great procession of other elephants which, though similar in kind, were far beneath it in rank. The sacred beast, according to cabled dispatches, was received by priests at the gates with that traditional reverence which these rare patricians of the jungle have been accorded for countless centuries. Afterward it was garlanded by the Chao Luang and precious lustral water was poured upon its venerated head in the presence of a great gathering of persons of all nationalities. It then continued its stately journey to the palace of the king.

The veneration with which the Siamese regard their white elephants is founded on an old superstition. Like many of the peoples of the east, they believe that the departed souls of men return to inhabit the bodies of animals. The ancient Egyptians and the natives of modern India have had similar conception of immortality, leading them to hold certain animals sacred. And in Siam the white elephant is most sacred of all because in it are belived to dwell the spirits of kings and heroes of long ago.

The extreme rarity of the white variety coincides nicely with the superstition. Siam is a land of elephants. They are used for hunting and for travel, as well as for doing the heavy draft labor which western races assign to the truck and the traveling crane. Once upon a time the van of the Siamese army was composed of a formidable squadron of elephants of war, recalling Hannibal's expeditionary formed in Gaul. The king had a herd of 20,000.

Time has somewhat tarnished the procedure which was gone through before the white elephant reached the royal stables in the old days. It is said to record that the last one captured, though feted with proper magnificence at the beginning and ending of his travels, made the actual journey from Ayutha to Bangkok in a reinforced freight car of a blatantly materialistic design, and was lodged in a stable vulgarly illuminated with several practical electric lights.

They ordered these matters better in the past. Immediately upon his capture the white elephant began to receive the adulation befitting his position. To whatever part of the jungle he was temporarily detained in nobles and mandarins were at once sent that he might be properly cared for.

Some preliminary training was necessary in the amenities of his new position, that he might learn the manners of courtly elephants. Since his skin was his fortune, this was carefully washed, that the priceless pallor might show to full advantage. Only the best unguents were used in this operation, of course, and for the rest of his life he was to receive this daily massage.

Then, along specially cut roads thru the jungle he was led triumphantly to the banks of the river, and the honors he received in this passage from the rural population were continued with increasing magnificence as he approached the urban localities. At Ayuthia, the old capital of Siam, a royal barge was waiting to carry him down the Menam River to Bangkok. It was a floating palace of teakwood, hung with crimson curtains and carpeted with gilded matting.

But the most munificent ceremony was yet to come. He was met at Bangkok by an even more imposing committee of notables, who came to confer the name the king had chosen for him. This was inscribed on a particularly succulent piece of sugar-cane, and after the priests had baptized him in the presence of the king, he was very obviously accepted the chosen name by swallowing it.

It is this financial aspect that gave point to the expression, "to have a white elephant on your hands". When the king presented one of the royal white elephants to a noble, it was taken to mean that he desired to ruin him, since no ordinary exchequer could stand the expense which a white elephant required for its proper upkeep, and since the beast was apt to live two or three centuries, there was no hope of surcease from the magnificent burden.—Commercial Appeal.

Sikeston Standard, \$1.50 per year

### AMERICA ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO

Newton, Pa., December 24, 1776.—General Washington and his officers dined this Christmas eve at the quarters of Gen. Nathaniel Greene. But not for a holiday festivity. They met for a council of war to plan an adventure which within forty-eight hours may determine the fate of America. The countersign for this adventure will be "Victory or Death".

Orders have been given to cook rations for three days. From the Pennsylvania bank of the Delaware we can see the Hessians in Trenton, a pretty village containing about 130 houses and a Presbyterian meeting house. There are apple orchards and gardens, although now winter-bound. Colonel Rall is there with his regiment and Knyphausen has a few dragoons and riflemen. American scouts and spies have secured for the general the most complete information about the enemy's positions, now spread out in a long line along the route of our recent retreat, and reaching southward toward Philadelphia.

A scout brings news that General Howe has issued a proclamation offering pardon to everybody in New Jersey who will lay down his arms and take the oath of allegiance to the king. The scout says that Howe and Cornwallis are well pleased with what they have done, that Cornwallis is going to England to tell the king the rebellion is about over, and that Howe is going to have a good time in New York attending dinner parties. The enemy thinks that the campaign is over and that they are comfortably fixed for the winter.

The general (Washington) has received a letter from Col. Joseph Reed at Bristol saying in part:

"We are all of opinion, my dear general, that something must be attempted to revive our expiring credit, give our cause some degree of reputation, and prevent a total depreciation of the Continental money, which is coming on very fast; that even a failure cannot be more fatal than to remain in our present situation; in short, some enterprise must be undertaken in our present circumstances or we must give up the cause. . . . Our cause is desperate and hopeless if we do not take the opportunity of the collection of the troops at present to strike some stroke. Our affairs are hastening fast to ruin if we do not retrieve them by some happy event. . . ."

"Pardon the freedom I have used. The love of my country, a wife and four children in the enemy's hands, the respect and attachment I have for you, the ruin and poverty that must attend me and thousands of others will plead my excuse".

The general will readily pardon the colonel for pleading that something must be attempted. It was because the general had reached this conclusion ten days ago that he summoned this Christmas eve's council and gave the countersign, "Victory or Death". —K. C. Star.

Loren Clark of Ava, Mo., was the guest of Miss Ruth Allard during the holidays.

The big Mid-Winter Opening of Chillicothe Business College is next Monday, January 3rd. New classes will be organized and scores of new students will enter.

In honor of Dr. E. J. Malone's 74th birthday his family jointly prepared a surprise feast for the occasion of which quails were the foundation. Besides the immediate family were Mrs. Ruth Putnam, Miss Lillian Putnam, Mrs. Grace Malone, Mrs. Mary Reed and Mrs. Ruth Malone and sons, Billy and Dan.

Miss Bettie McCutchen gave a very pretty dance at the Malone Theatre Monday and Tuesday evenings. To start with she is a very pretty little miss, then she was as graceful as could be. Her number was enjoyed very much by the large audiences present both evenings. The film picture with old ugly Wallace Beery as the main light, was laughable and much enjoyed.

Miss Ruth McCoy entertained on Wednesday evening at the Japanese Tea Room with a 5-course dinner in honor of Miss Honora Bailey of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Eva Jones Griffin of Florida. Those present besides the hostess were: Misses Honora Bailey, Ruth Allard, Clara Lindley, Sarah Malone, Mildred Bowman, Lucille Kendall, Ellen Du Bois, Lillian Kendall, Francoise Black, and Mesdames Eva Jones Griffin, and Tanner, Miley Limbaugh and Craven Watkins.

Giving jazz to England about evened the score. She gave us sparrows.—Los Angeles Times.

It's the same old South: Josephus Daniels has written a long apology to a prominent citizen whom he had inadvertently called a Republican.—Detroit News.

I have no sympathy with this fashion (minimizing and blackening the fame of great men of the past). Our great Americans who belong to the past were human, of course, but that does not prevent them from becoming great heroes and from doing great work in the liberation and upbuilding of their country. A touch of hero worship is a better quality than any amount of cheap and smart cynicism.—Henry Van Dyke.

### CARDWELL BANK FAILS TO OPEN

Cardwell, Mo., December 30.—The First National Bank of Cardwell was closed yesterday by the board of directors and this morning was turned over to William R. Young, bank examiner, who came here from Memphis. Old loans and a poor cotton crop year were given as causes for the bank's failure.

The institution was organized about six years ago. It had deposits of approximately \$40,000 and capital of \$50,000. No effort has been made as yet to re-organize the institution.

## Malone Theatre

### Week Commencing Friday, Dec. 31

FRIDAY

Carl Laemmle Presents

## Reginald Denny

in

## "ROLLING HOME"

Matinee and Evening

Yes—there is no limit to the number of laughs Denny can put into a picture. And you never can count the laughs in this gorgeous comedy—they come as close together as corn on the cob. It's about a fresh young man—a hard thin dime—a waterfall and Denny. The peak of entertainment. You'll enjoy every minute of it.

Also REVIEW, AESOP FABLES and Comedy—"OH TEACHER" Admission 10c and 35c

SATURDAY

Matinee and Evening

TOM TYLER and His Buoyant PALS in

## "The Masquerade Bandit"

A mashing, hair-raising, spine-tickling battle on the Edge of the Yawning Chasm! Stumbling, Slugging, Wrestling toward the Abyss! Drop two panting men locked into a Life-and-Death battle. A break—a Short-arm Jolt—a Fall—and TOM TYLER lies with his head and shoulders over the Maw of Eternity, while his Snarling Foe leaps at him, feet first—See this thrilling situation in FBO's western comedy-melodrama!

Episode No. 8—"RADIO DETECTIVE" and COMEDY

Matinee and Night—Admission 10c and 25c

MONDAY and TUESDAY

## "The Temptress"

Matinee Monday Afternoon

with GRETA GARBO, ANTONIO MORENO, LIONEL BARRYMORE, ROY D'ARCY, MARC MACDERMOTT

She Was A Passion Flower! Lovelier than a siren—what chance had a mere man against the over-powering spell of her beauty! Ibanez never wrought a more powerful and alluring story than this tale of a girl who gambled with men, love, life itself! Dramatic! Colorful! Romantic! A great production, directed by the man who made "Ben Hur", with a great cast plus Greta Garbo, the flaming new film beauty.

COMEDY and NEWS



Admission 10c and 35c

WEDNESDAY

Here comes Lefty at his best in a live wire Gerald Beaumont story! LEFTY FLYNN in

## "Mulhall's Great Catch"

Rivals in love—a policeman and a fireman. And each department bitterly supporting its champion for the hand of Nora McCarron. The policeman saving the fireman in a fire—deadly disgrace! And—at last—the fireman saving the policeman when a couple of thugs threw a safe-blowing party! Whirlwind comedy—Smashing Action—Lovely Romance!

NEWS and Comedy—"SEA LEGS"

Admission 10c and 25c

THURSDAY

## "Woman Power"

with KATHERINE PERRY and RALPH GRAVES

Comedy—"STEEPLECHASE"

Admission 10c and 25c

# 1927

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# 1927



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### SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY  
AT SIKESTON, MISSOURIEntered at the Postoffice at Sikeston  
Scott County, Missouri, as second-  
class mail matter, according to act  
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Day advertising per single col  
10c  
per line 10c  
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Single notices, minimum \$5.00  
Early subscription in Scott and the  
adjacent counties \$1.50  
Early subscription elsewhere in the  
United States \$2.00

Ed P. Crowe of Dexter came into  
The Standard office Tuesday forenoon  
slobbering at the mouth. His first  
words were: "Tom and Jerry", but  
as Simon Loebe was not in town the  
key to the situation was not at hand.  
It is a shame to have to disappoint  
any man in such a manner, but it  
was something beyond our control.

With bank robberies right under  
our nose, it looks as though some sort  
of a local guard ought to be organiz-  
ed that could be called out on short  
notice to go to the assistance of any  
institution in our city that might be  
held up or an attempt made on same.  
Rifles and shot guns, loaded, should  
be placed in a corner handy to reach

when the call is made. Some sort of  
an electrical signal, operated from  
stations in the banks, connected with  
the fire siren, should be fixed and  
when an alarm is given every man  
be prepared to shoot to kill. With  
the bunch that has been operating in  
Southeast Missouri and Southwest  
Illinois, banking institutions are  
not safe without some sort of an or-  
ganization to help them.

We have no criticism to make  
about foolish expenditures during the  
year 1926, but The Standard is of the  
opinion that if the money spent on  
the Booster Campaign and like noth-  
ings, had been put into the Himmell  
oil well, Sikeston would have had a  
better gamble to have taken on a real  
boom. It is a shame that with the  
working outfit now on the ground  
that enough local help has not been  
given to at least feed and clothe the  
men while at work.

The conference to be held at Ben-  
ton January 5 and 6 on horticulture  
and kindred subjects, should be well  
attended by those interested. Fruit,  
berry and truck growing will be dis-  
cussed by specialists from the State  
Agricultural Department, the Mis-  
souri Pacific and Frisco Railroads,  
and W. F. D. Bahjer of the Southeast  
Missouri Agriculture Association.  
This is the season of the year when  
most farmers have leisure and a good  
attendance should be out.

### CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Part of the planning mill and ta-  
ble top factory of the Himmelberger-  
Harrison Lbr. Co. have secured pow-  
er from the Missouri Utilities Co. and  
will operate their plants from that  
source of power until the new pow-  
er plant is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McFarling and  
children of Memphis, Tenn., are  
spending the holidays in Morehouse  
as guests of Mrs. Minnie Harris.

Miss Lucille Harp of Charleston  
visited her aunts, Miss Hattie Harp  
and Mrs. W. R. Griffin, Monday.

The Bell Telephone Company has  
instituted a "Thank You" program.  
Morehouse subscribers would thank  
them a great deal more if they in-  
stituted cheaper rates and secured a  
great many more subscribers so that  
the service would be worth the cost.

Mrs. John Himmelberger, Jr., is  
visiting her mother, Mrs. Feaster, in  
Columbia.

John Calvin shipped a carload of  
hogs from Morehouse, Tuesday.

Both the Frisco and the Iron  
Mountain Railroads have cindered  
their stockpens in Morehouse, which  
will greatly improve their service  
during the winter months.

J. W. Sarff has purchased a new  
Atwater Kent radio and installed it  
at his residence.

R. Y. Eubanks has bought the Hin-  
son land adjoining Grey Ridge on  
which he is preparing to move im-  
mediately. Several other tracts of  
land adjoining Grey Ridge have  
changed hands in the past few weeks  
at prices ranging from \$100 to \$140  
per acre.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

G. F. and W. H. Deane and Ben  
Mills motored to New Madrid Wed-  
nesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Yates of Para-  
gould, Ark., are visiting with the  
latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H.  
Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Steel and  
little daughter of New Madrid spent  
Sunday with Mrs. Mary Steele and  
son, Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Swartz attend-  
ed the show in Sikeston Tuesday.

Members of the Christian church  
were entertained at the home of Miss  
Glenda Waters Wednesday evening  
with a candy party. A most pleas-  
ant and enjoyable evening was spent  
by the young folks.

Fletcher McGregory of St. Louis  
spent the week-end visiting at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane, L. Deane  
and W. H. Deane motored to New  
Madrid, Monday.

Miss Imogene Sparks of Sikeston  
is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Dave Mor-  
gan.

Mrs. Bert Williams and children  
of Hayti are spending the holidays  
with her mother, Mrs. Bettie Vaughn.

Miss Thelma Davis and Mrs. Capi-  
tola Christi of East Prairie visited  
in Matthews, Monday. They also at-  
tended the funeral of Phillip Pres-  
nell Story.

G. F. Deane and son Albert motored  
to Cape Girardeau Tuesday on  
business.

Mrs. J. W. Emory and daughter,  
Miss Mayola, were Sikeston visitors,  
Monday.

### HODGES-HEUISER

Wednesday afternoon, December  
29, John Hodges and Miss Irene  
Heuiser were united in marriage in  
the Baptist church, Rev. F. E. Jones  
performing the ceremony.

Mr. Hodges is the son of James  
Hodges and is liked by everyone.

Miss Heuiser is the daughter of  
Charles Heuiser of Brown Spur.

The immediate family and friends  
of the couple being present for the  
ceremony. Soon after the wedding,  
the guests went to the home of the  
bride's parents, where a bountiful  
feast was spread. Mr. and Mrs.  
Heuiser did not spare anything in  
making everyone feel at home.

Their many friends wish them a  
happy and prosperous married life.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bailey and son,  
Kent, were St. Louis visitors during  
the week.

### NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

Annie M. Phillips et al to Charles  
Edmonds and Elizabeth Boswell: 100  
acres of the SE 1/4 25-22-13 \$100.00.

B. F. Swartz and wife to Mary  
Carson: E 1/2 lots 8 and 9 blk. 1  
Swartz add., Catron. \$1.00.

Same to P. F. Shraman: Lots 6  
and 13 and lot 1 blk. 6 Swartz add.,  
Catron. \$360.

Howard Steel to Minnie E. Swartz:  
W 1/4 18-23-13, 331.36 acres. \$100.  
subj. to v \$8500.

E. R. McMan and wife to Eliza  
McMann: lots 1 and 2 blok 1, Ca-  
nalou: \$1.00.

R. C. Eldridge and wife to Gideon-  
Anderson Co.: Lots 1 and 2 blk. 12,  
Gideon-Anderson Co. \$350.

### Marriage License

Bill Lashley and Irene Trout, both  
of Pt. Pleasant.

Fletcher Cashion, Lilbourn and  
Golda Stevens, Parma.

Lawrence Patterson and Leona  
Fisher, Risco.

James A. Patterson and May Fish-  
er, Risco.

Dave Deason and Eva Edmondson,  
Sikeston.

Wesley Thirke, Bertrand and Elsie  
May Ramsey, Parma.

Marion Byler, Bertrand and Pearl  
Keel, Sikeston.

Joe Deproe and Stella Taylor, La  
Valle.

Rufus Lavender and Cora Laven-  
der, Matthews.

Eorce Smith and Pearl Victory, Ke-  
wanee.

William Martin Turner and May  
Gossett, Wardell.

Ben H. Russell, Cape Girardeau  
and Alice Kre.

### SCOUT MOW WINS BICYCLE

The four months contest in Boy  
Scout Troop No. 2, closed Thursday  
evening before Christmas. The high-  
est score made in the contest was  
1100 points, attained by Scout Robt.  
Mow. Through the courtesy of sev-  
eral business men in Sikeston, he  
was presented with the high grade  
Hibbard bicycle that has been on ex-  
hibition for several months in  
Mouser's Grocery. Scout Ewing  
Hensley made second place, with 865  
points.

The public may be able to better  
appreciate Scouting by knowing the  
things Scout Mow did to reach his  
1100 points. To that end, we enumer-  
ate his record as follows:

Attendance at all 16 Scout meet-  
ings, on time at 15 Scout meetings,  
regular payment of dues at all meet-  
ings, attended Sunday school 13 times,  
attended morning church services  
13 times, attended evening church  
services 14 times. (These religious  
credits were given for attendance at  
another church than the one with  
which the troop is connected). Finished  
Second Class requirements in the  
following tests:

Elementary First Aid to the injur-  
ed.

Followed a half-mile track in 25  
minutes by use of pioneering signs  
of grass, sticks, etc.

Running 1 mile in 12 minutes at  
Scout's Pace. (Only 15 seconds either  
way allowed for variation).

Proper use of knife.

Ability to build a usable fire in the  
open, care for and extinguish.

Cooked potatoes and steak without  
utensils. (Food was required to be  
palatable).

Passed the following First Class  
requirements:

Hiked 14 miles and recorded his  
observations of things that he saw.

Advanced First Aid, including, use  
of bandages, methods of rescue, arti-  
ficial respiration, treatment of in-  
juries, etc.

Cooked eggs in the open and baked  
bread in a "twist on a stick."

Prepared a map of a farm using  
conventional signs and locating crops,  
buildings, fences, roads, trees, etc.

Demonstrated the use of an axe.

Ability to judge distance, size,  
number, height and weight.

Showed a reasonable acquaintance  
with nature in his knowledge of birds  
and stars.

Gave satisfactory evidence of liv-  
ing up to the Scout Oath and Laws.

Trained a new recruit to the rank  
of Tenderfoot, which requires the  
ability to tie nine useful knots, mem-

orizing the Scout Oath, the 12 Laws,  
sign and salute, and the history of  
the United States Flag.

In addition to the above, Scout  
Mow has earned and deposited in  
the bank as a First Class Test, at  
least \$2. To attain the rank of First  
Class Scout he needs only to swim  
50 yards and signal at the rate of 16  
letters per minute.

We recommend that the parents of  
Sikeston give Scouting a little better  
investigation and support than it  
has received. Something is designed  
to provide for the teen-age boy such  
activity and ideals that will carry him  
safely through the most trying peri-  
od of his life and to equip him with  
useful accomplishments that will pre-  
pare him for the many emergencies  
of life. Parents will do well to seek  
a better acquaintance with this  
movement and encourage their boys  
to avail themselves of all the ad-  
vancement Scouting offers. In our  
recent contest, we undertook to apply  
the principles of Scouting in strict  
accordance with the requirements  
given us. As a result, we found that  
most of the boys were Tenderfeet, in  
fact, as well as in rank. Not having  
the support and encouragement at  
home that should have been given, a  
number of the boys dropped out of  
the contest and are no better Scouts  
now than at the beginning, and some  
of them no better than they were a  
year ago. With plenty of support  
and encouragement, Scouting can  
easily become a powerful influence  
for good in the boy life of the com-  
munity. We invite parents to visit  
our meetings, especially those who  
think they have objections to Scout-  
ing. Investigate the Troops and  
help put Scouting in Sikeston in  
earnest. —E. B. Hensley, Scoutmas-  
ter, Troop No. 2

### Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the  
undersigned, Marshall A. Myers of  
the estate of Nannie A. Myers, de-  
ceased, will make final settlement of  
his accounts with said estate as such  
administrator at the next term of the  
Probate Court of Scott County, Mis-  
souri, to be holden at Benton in said  
county, on the 7th day of February,  
A. D. 1927.

MARSHALL A. MYERS,  
Administrator.

Miss Virginia Freeman entertained  
some of her friends at her  
home on Christmas Day and an-  
other party Wednesday evening.

The second of the holiday dances  
given by the American Legion was  
held at the Armory Tuesday evening.

About 115 couples attended the first  
of the dances held last Thursday  
evening and about 75 couples the last  
dance. The music was all that could  
be desired, the order above criticism  
and the girls beautiful. What more  
could be asked?

### VESPER SERVICE AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Beginning next Sunday afternoon  
at 4:30 the Christian Church will con-  
duct Vesper Service at this hour ev-  
ery Sunday afternoon through Janu-  
ary and February.

The usual service at 7:30 will be  
discontinued. The public is cordial-  
ly invited to make use of this early  
hour of worship through the winter  
season. The pastor, Rev. E. B. Hens-  
ley, will discuss at the Vesper Ser-  
vice Sunday afternoon, Senator Bor-  
ah's Peace Resolution introduced in  
the United States Senate on Decem-  
ber 9.

Mrs. Anna Hulen returned to St.  
Louis Thursday, after a visit in this  
city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
W. L. Carroll.

### Accident Costs Man An Arm

Poplar Bluff, December 28.—Chas.  
F. Robertson, 34 years old, is in a  
hospital here as a result of an acci-  
dent near Advance, late yesterday.  
Robertson, a lumber inspector went  
to Advance to inspect some lumber  
at a saw mill. He decided to take his  
gun along because of the chance of  
sighting a rabbit. Arriving at the  
mill, he stood his gun on a skid. The  
gun slipped and was discharged. The  
load of shot entered his right arm  
below the elbow. He was brought  
here and the arm was amputated.

Mrs. W. P. Wilkerson spent Christ-  
mas with her mother at Malden.

A number of young people from  
Sikeston attended the Christmas  
Dance at New Madrid Saturday even-  
ing, notwithstanding the miserable  
weather.

### WE MUST CLOSE OUT!

Comforts, \$2.98 value ..... \$1.98  
Bleach, 15c value ..... 10c  
Blankets, \$3.15 value ..... \$1.98  
Shirts, 79c value ..... 45c  
700 Ten Cent Handkerchiefs, 2 for ..... 15c

### H. & S. ECONOMY STORE

1926

New Year ship.

In grateful appreciation of your good  
fellowship we extend New Year  
Greetings, and our best wishes for  
your good health and happiness.

Miss M. E. Martin

Millinery and Notions

226 W. Malone Ave.

Phone 190

1-9-2-7

Again we stand on the threshold of a New Year  
and we hope that Fate will wave its magic wand  
of Health, Happiness and Prosperity over each  
individual personally.

As for our business relations with you, we know  
that they will be as cordial in the future as they  
have in the past. We thank you for your pat-  
ronage of the past year.

Yours for a Happy New Year

VAN DYKE STUDIO

Formerly Cole's Studio

311 N. New Madrid St., Sikeston

Let Us Serve You  
With

## QUALITY MEATS

Make it a habit to stop at the Qual-  
ity Meat Market each morning for  
your meats. You will find it a prac-  
tical and economical manner of sup-  
plying your table with choice meats.  
We are here to serve you in a way  
satisfactory to you.

## QUALITY MEAT MARKET

JOHN INMAN, Prop. 309 N. New Madrid Street

Next Door to Cole's Studio

## A Happy New Year

1927

TO OUR FRIENDS  
AND CUSTOMERS



## Decker Barber Shop

Front Street, Sikeston



# RADIO



Radio signals, transmitted from seven powerful radio stations throughout the world, are to be used in checking longitudes to the accuracy of less than 0.02 of a second. This photograph shows Paul Sollenberger, of the United States Naval observatory, and the radio receiving set which he designed for receiving radio signals in longitude work at San Diego, Calif., where he soon will begin making observations.

## How Air Pressure Acts on Reception

Fair and Bad Weather Theory Right and Wrong, Says Expert.

The exact manner in which radio transmission and reception are affected by the weather still remains largely in the realm of uncertainty, but the popular belief that bad weather means poor reception, and fair weather good reception, is correct in principle, but frequently wrong in specific application, says Eugene Van Cleef, a meteorological expert, in discussing radio and the weather in an article in Radio News Magazine. There does seem to be some relationship between the general atmospheric conditions accompanying a certain kind of weather and the amount of static interference and the relation of static and low pressure areas. In a progressive relation between the atmosphere, he says, whenever the weather changes, the static interference is also affected.

So far as the state of the weather is concerned, one may obtain as good results on a night when it is raining or snowing and blowing as when the skies are clear. All that is necessary is the right distribution of pressure. Listeners generally recognize the fact that programs come in better on clear, cold evenings than on evenings with moderate temperatures. This is due, it seems, to a lower percentage of atmospheric moisture when nights are cool than when they are warm. But it must be remembered that a cold or cool wave accompanies an intensive high pressure, in which the isobars are close together, or again we fall back on pressure distribution. One exception, however, may be noted; namely, the condition of the summer atmosphere, which may be one of relatively high moisture-content even in a high pressure area. Hence static is more common in summer than in winter. This high frequency of static may be further attributed to the greater number of low-pressure areas passing across the country, the consequent setting up of more "convection currents" and eddies in the summer's air than in winter, and the occurrence of numerous thunderstorms, which are the expressions of a highly electrified atmosphere.

These observations, then, indicate that the local weather does not determine the degree of clarity of reception or the intensity of static, but rather that quality of reception depends upon the location of the receiving instrument and the broadcasting station with respect to pressure distribution.

## To Bring Suits to Test Right of Wave-Jumping

One or more suits charging broadcasting stations with interference with signals from other stations are expected to be filed within the next two months, according to reports reaching Washington.

The suits will bring into court the issue of the wave-jumping broadcasters who have left assigned channels, following the abandonment of the Department of Commerce of any attempt to assert authority over the assignment of wave lengths.

Although the government itself is not expected to take any hand in the court proceedings, the broadcasters themselves who have been interfered with through the action of the wave-jumpers are planning to determine their rights in accordance with the radio law of 1912, according to the reports.

So far several cases of interference caused by wave-jumping have been settled amicably between the stations themselves and operation by the in-

terferer has been removed to other channels.

It is believed, however, by many of the leading broadcasters that a test case to determine how far the rights of a station extend under existing laws might assist them in waging their campaign for adequate radio legislation at the coming session of congress.

Under any circumstances, it is not believed that any relief from the present ether congestion will be obtained until after congress assigns control to some government body or commission. Additional wave-jumpers are expected to make their appearance every week and new stations are arriving on the air at an average rate of 15 a month.

In addition to the work of persuading stations from leaving their assigned frequencies that is being carried on by the National Association of Broadcasters, the National Better Business bureau is conducting a survey of ether conditions, following the reception of a number of complaints from listeners and stations in all parts of the country.

## RADIO WAVES

Radio advertising rates are about \$400 an hour for a station in New York city. Stations elsewhere charge less.

The radio corporation has no stations in foreign countries, but works in all countries owned and operated by Americans.

The radio advertising program (about \$400 an hour) is reported to be about \$10,000 a year.

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Congressional legislation contemplates pending governmental control of transmission of power and "movies" by radio.

Until a year ago a 5,000-watt station was practically unknown. Now we have a dozen of them, and are beginning to flirt with the 50,000-watt stations.

About 2,000 American ships are now equipped with wireless.

It is predicted to be only a question of time until some one invents a static filter and our troubles will all be over.

With a farm population of 455,204, West Virginia has only 1,741 radio sets.

Don't try to solder with a red-hot iron; it can't be done. Wait until the tool loses its cherry glow and then work with it.

## Battery Wires Should Be Well Insulated

It is particularly important that the battery wires and all accessories connected to them be well insulated in all sets, as the batteries generate the strongest currents. The higher the voltage of the batteries the better must the insulation be, as high voltage causes more of a strain on insulators than low voltages. Bare wire, or wire covered only with thin layers of cotton or silk, should never be used between the "A" and "B" batteries and the set binding posts, as the weak insulation is likely to wear away and to cause a disastrous short circuit of the batteries which will manifest itself in the form of brilliant pyrotechnics and perhaps a few momentary flames.

## Easy to Spoil Panel by Misplaced Hole

To avoid scratching the front surface of the panel, the holes for instruments are marked out on the back of the panel and a careful checking up should be made before starting the drilling operations. Be extremely careful to turn the panel over and visualize each instrument in its place, because working on the back of the panel means working backward, and it is a simple matter to ruin the panel by a misplaced hole.

## Use Back of Knife in Removing Insulation

In cleaning copper wire from which the insulation has been stripped, scrape with the back of a knife blade, not with the sharp cutting edge. If this is done there will be a saving of a good edge and at the same time making a better job of the cleaning, for the dull back edge has less tendency to pare the soft copper wire than the keen one has.

# An Improved Gasoline at the Same Low Price!

Same Price As Ordinary Gasoline

Sold Exclusively by Justrite Stations and Justrite Dealers

No need to pay several cents a gallon extra to get the new gasoline that cures carbon knocks, gives more power, more mileage and keeps your motor in perfect condition. It's on sale right here in Sikeston and all our other stations at the same low prices as ordinary gasoline. Just ask for JUSTRITE SUPER GASOLINE—the efficient, new gasoline. Try it in your own car. Prove our claims to your satisfaction. It costs no extra to make the test. The price is just what you have been paying.

JUSTRITE SUPER GASOLINE takes out the carbon knock. Gives more mileage. Starts your motor more easily. Accelerates quickly. Gives more power for the hills. Runs your motor smoothly. ALL FOR THE SAME PRICE AS ORDINARY GASOLINE.

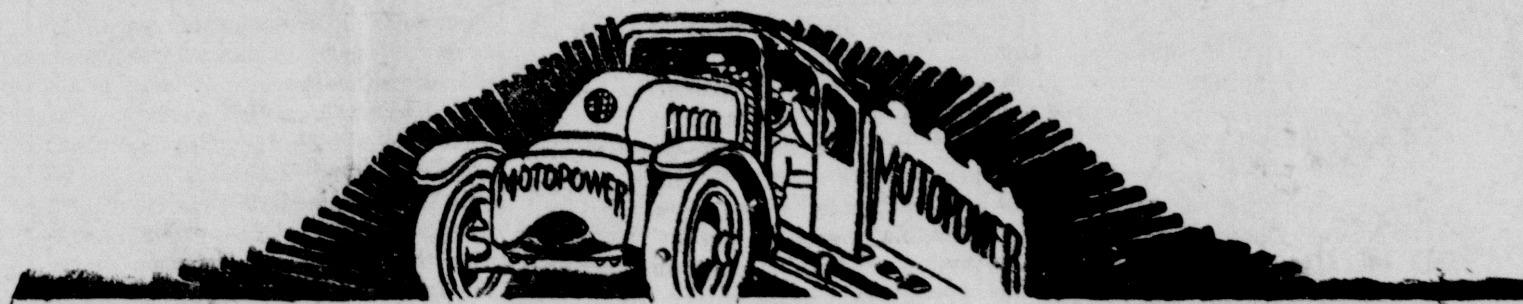
JUSTRITE SUPER GASOLINE IS "ALL THERE."

JUSTRITE SUPER GASOLINE needs no addition. It's "all there" when you buy it. Simply fill your gas tank as usual with this highly refined gasoline—then note the change in your motor's action.

## Sold Exclusively By Justrite Stations and Dealers

Justrite Oil Company,  
Corner Kingshighway and Front St., Sikeston, Mo.  
Gross Grocery Sikeston, Mo.  
Talley's Place Sikeston, Mo.  
J. W. Buckles Sikeston, Mo.  
Morris Lynn Tanner, Mo.  
Crowder Store Co. Crowder, Mo.  
G. W. Layton & Son Vanduser, Mo.  
Robert Minner McMullin, Mo.

Morehouse Motor Sales Morehouse, Mo.  
Albert Daugherty Matthews, Mo.  
Gossett Bros. Matthews, Mo.  
Canalou Motor Co. Canalou, Mo.  
Elon Proffer Noxall, Mo.  
McGee-Hetlage Kewanee, Mo.  
Justrite Oil Company New Madrid, Mo.  
Van Vaughn Highway No. 82



# JUSTRITE SUPER GASOLINE

Poplar Bluff Dexter Morehouse Sikeston Charleston



# Looking Into the New Year

A new year means much to those who are forward looking. Custom has decreed that at the beginning of a new year the sons of men shall take inventory of their prospects and shall reckon their needs. It is a time when the past is put behind, save for purposes of guiding experience, and the future fills the thoughts.

We thank you for business of the past and look forward with pleasure to serve you in 1927.

May peace, health and plenty be yours.

**Dudley's**  
Confectionery  
Sikeston, Mo.

## LOWDEN SEES DISASTER IF FARM CROP PRICES ARE NOT STABILIZED

St. Louis, December 28.—Former Gov. Frank O. Lowden, Illinois, prominently mentioned for the Republican nomination for President in 1928, speaking last night before the seventh annual meeting of the American Farmers' Economics Association at the Statler Hotel, said that stabilization of the prices of farm commodities must speedily be accomplished in the United States to head off economic disaster for the nation.

Farmers cannot go on producing food products at a loss. They are entitled to some margin of profit the same as other industries, he said.

He suggested the creation by Congress of a federal farm board vested with the power to ascertain whether there is such a surplus in any commodity as to depress the price below the cost of production with an added reasonable profit.

If the board found, as the result of its inquiries, that the market price of a particular commodity was below the cost of production, it would be authorized to empower the co-operative association of farmers for the handling of that commodity to take charge of the surplus, provided there was a representative organization.

"The only aid from the government which the co-operative would require would be that the government should distribute among all of the producers of the particular commodity the cost to the co-operative of handling the surplus," he said.

"Neither the government nor the government board would determine the price. Nor would even the co-operative itself 'fix' the price in any other sense than industry generally determines prices. It, like every other industry, would study all the conditions affecting the particular commodity and from time to time decide on a price which conditions would seem to warrant. It would simply enjoy the advantages which come from organized selling.

"It is urged, however, that if a program of stabilization such as I have suggested were carried out there would be greatly increased production, with a surplus so large as to become altogether unmanageable. Is there any basis for this fear? The argument of those who think so runs something like this: 'The farmer is now producing at a loss, and still he produces more than the world presently needs. Hence low prices. If he were now receiving profitable prices he would produce vastly more, with further demoralization of prices.

"There are, it seems to me, two vital defects in this line of reasoning. In the first place, the argument assumes that in agriculture, as in industry, unsatisfactory prices result shortly in reduced production. This is not so. In industry only a small percentage of the cost of production is in overhead charges.

"By far the larger factor consists of wages and raw materials. When, therefore, the manufacturer finds himself accumulating a larger surplus than he thinks prudent, he can reduce his production as greatly as he may desire, with something like a corresponding reduction in the cost of operation of his plant. Not so the farmer.

"The overhead charges of the farmer are the main items in cost of production and they do not materially change from year to year, whatever his acreage in crops. He furnishes for the most part his own labor. His taxes remain the same. His interest charges are the same. His equipment does not greatly vary. Therefore, when prices are low, he must increase his acreage of cash crops in order to meet his cash outlay, even though he knows he is not receiving cost of production for a single unit of his product.

"To illustrate, if the farmer's taxes and interest and the bare necessities of life for himself and his family require a cash outlay of \$2000, and prices are low, he must push his acreage in cash crops to the limit, with the hope of securing the \$2000 which stands between him and bankruptcy.

"Acting as an individual he cannot do otherwise. The more desperate, therefore, the financial situation of the farmer is, the more he is inclined to maximum production until he reaches the very end of his resources.

"In the next place, any abnormal increase in production would require the employment of new capital in agriculture. As Sir Josiah Stamp points out, new capital will be tempted into agriculture only if the rewards there are larger than the rewards in other industries. It is not proposed by anyone, so far as I know, to so change the situation as to make the rewards in agriculture larger than they are in other fields. Indeed, if the farmers should receive no more than the mere cost of production they would be much better off than they are today.

"They certainly would be satisfied with a modest return upon their capital employed—a much smaller return than industry generally enjoys. Capital therefore would not be diverted from other activities to agriculture in that situation."

Lowden did not indorse any specific agricultural remedy. He did not mention the McNary-Haugen bill, considered by the last Congress and passed by the House. When that legislation was pending he gave it a general indorsement.

Lowden recommended the early completion of a survey of agricultural resources being conducted through the United States Geological Survey, Bureau of Soils and Forestry Bureau so that a complete picture of the agricultural resources of the nation might be available.

Not only are farm commodities sold at less than production costs, bringing the farmers nearer and nearer bankruptcy and ruin, but soil depletion, Lowden said, is going forward at a dangerous rate.

"At a time when farm surpluses are driving the price of farm products below the cost of production we are adding to these surpluses by robbing the soil," he said.

"If we had the care for future generations which our great heritage demands of us, we would find means to stop this double loss.

"There is not an agricultural college in the land, I think, that does not teach that in order to maintain the soil some legume crop should be grown at least one year in four."

Lowden said if a survey of agricultural resources disclosed that there was much land devoted to cultivation which should be devoted to raising of timber, that the states could well afford to exempt such lands from taxation and substitute a tax on forest products when they were grown.

The problem of farm commodity surpluses and consequent price depressions might be solved in part, Lowden said, by the government paying a bounty to farmers who devoted part of their acreage to the growing of legumes for soil fertilization.

"England has recently seen fit to propose to pay a substantial bounty to those of her farmers who changed from other crops to root crops," he said.

"Everyone is familiar with the bounty several nations have paid for the culture of sugar beets. Surely, if a bounty to the farmer is justified for turning from one crop to another, it is abundantly justified when the purpose is to conserve the soil, for further generations."

"The United States Government now receives from \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000 a year on the importation of farm products. The total acreage in cultivation in the United States amounts to 3,500,000 acres.

"If 20 per cent of this acreage were to go into legumes—and surely no soil expert would say that this at least is not needed—and a bounty of \$2 an acre were paid by the Federal Government on every acre withdrawn from cultivation, it would cost the government annually less than \$150,000,000, or considerably less than it now receives through its customs offices in the name of agriculture.

"I throw this out only as a suggestion for your consideration. Other and possibly better ways may occur to you for meeting this possible emergency.

"The National Industrial Conference Board, in its admirable report upon the agricultural problem recently issued, finds that agriculture has been able to go on in recent years largely through sacrifice of its capital assets and through sacrifice of the soil resources of the nation."

"It is clear that the great agricultural plant of America has been running down at a dangerous pace. Of course this affects and affects deeply the farmer. However, it involves the very life of the nation as well. Persons who live in the cities naturally are inclined to interest themselves only in the immediate price they have to pay for food. They do not concern themselves as to whether or not the farmer receives enough to enable him to go on producing. And yet, they are vitally interested.

"For if the farmer does not receive an adequate price he will finally cease to produce. No one, whether manufacturer or farmer, can go on indefinitely producing unless he receives at least the cost of production for the thing he sells. The result will be fewer farmers. This result is already in evidence. A report recently issued by the Department of Agriculture states that the farm population of the United States was reduced by almost a half million during the last year.

"This trend cannot go on very long until there is a shortage of food, with abnormal and unnecessary high prices to the consumers of food. And that is what the economists predict if nothing be done to avert the calamity; relatively low prices to the farmer for a number of years, and then, because of a shortage of supply, abnormally high prices. The city dweller, therefore, is vitally interested in

having the farmer receive such price for his product as to enable him to go on producing.

"Experience in other industries has shown that the producer and the consumer are both best served as prices tend to become stabilized. Progress in an industry is measured by its approach to stabilization or price. Wide fluctuations in the price of any commodity always result in a loss to the producer and consumer alike.

"The tendency in America for the last quarter of a century has been toward stabilized prices save in agriculture alone. In agricultural products, however, the swing of prices in recent years has been more violent than ever before. To illustrate, during the years 1923, 1924 and 1925 the price of hogs fluctuated about 100 per cent.

"The fluctuation in the price of pork products to the consumer was about a third of this. During the same period the price of wheat fluctuated 100 per cent. The fluctuation in the price of bread to the consumer was less than 5 per cent. It is clear the consumer derives no benefit from the low price at which agricultural products at times have sold.

"It may be that there is a better solution of the problem than the one I have suggested. I am not insisting upon any particular remedy. I only say there is a farm problem of the gravest importance and that a solution must be found if we would preserve our civilization. There are many earnest men who believe there is no solution. I come across them with increasing frequency.

"They say that there has been always a conflict between rural and urban civilization; that in this conflict rural civilization always has gone down; that there is no reason why we should be an exception to the general rule; that a decaying agriculture always has marked the first stage in the decline of a nation's greatness, and that we are helpless in the grip of this relentless law of the rise and fall of nations. I cannot yield to this gloomy view.

"I do not agree that our rural civilization is in a perilous state. I agree with them when they say our nation cannot long survive the decay of agriculture. I cannot follow them, however, in their despair of finding some power somewhere which will arrest this decay."

Organization of the farmers for the purpose of marketing their crops is progressing, Lowden said, but he doubted if the farm associations will ever become strong enough to take care of the ever-present problem of surplus "unless some way be found by which the cost of handling the surplus is borne equally by all producers of the particular commodity."

He pointed out that where producers are only partly organizers, non-members receive the full benefit of the increased price, and share none of the expenses of achieving it.

## TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in payment of dues, interest and authorized advances, equal to more than six months dues and interest payment, secured by note described in deed of trust executed by J. W. Spies, Sr., and his wife Amelia M. Spies, dated May Twentieth, Nineteen hundred Twenty-Four, and recorded on the Eighteenth Day of June, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Four, in office of Recorder of Deeds for Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, in Book number 45, at Page number 112, conveying to undersigned the following described real estate and improvements thereon in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of Lot number Five (5) in Block number Four (4) of McCoy and Tanners First Addition to the City of Sikeston, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.

Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note and deed of trust and the legal holder and owner of said note and deed of trust having declared the whole debt due as secured thereby, I will, at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1927 between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. of said day sell the above described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Post Office in the Town or City of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, for the purpose of satisfying said debt and costs.

LEE B. EWING, Trustee  
First Publication Dec. 17, 1926

## Notice Of Administration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That Letters Testamentary on the estate of Ellen West, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of December, 1926, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

JAMES L. WEST, Executor.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

Thos. B. Dudley, Probate Judge

## Notice of Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders' meeting of the Peoples Bank of Sikeston will be held at its banking house in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on the 4th day of January, 1927.

Said meeting will be convened at 9 o'clock a. m. and continued during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meeting is called be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect seven directors for the said bank, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

F. M. SIKES, President.  
Attest—  
R. F. ANDERSON, Cashier.  
Published on 21st and 24th.

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Invigorates, Purifies and Enriches the Blood.

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New and Used Furniture

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## AMBULANCE SERVICE

I have added an ambulance to my equipment. I am now prepared to convey your sick or injured to or from any hospital, with more comfort than riding in baggage cars. Charges reasonable. Call

**H. J. Welsh, Undertaker**  
Sikeston, Mo.  
Night 384 Phones Day 150

# A Happy New Year

Cold type cannot carry the warm message that is in our hearts for our patrons, but as we are deprived the pleasure of meeting all face-to-face, we send this message through the medium of the press.

We are genuinely sincere

your business

your confidence

good will

indeed

a

sure

mind, we will strive even to excel in that which has already been attained.

May the New Year be good to you in health and true happiness.



271—Phones—272

**Farris-Jones Hardware and Grocery Company**

THE WINCHESTER STORE

**\$5.50**  
Via Main Line

**\$5.85**  
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**MEMPHIS**



Each Saturday and Sunday until March 27, 1927

RETURNING—Tickets good for return passage to reach Sikeston prior to 6:00 a. m. Monday following date of sale.

HALF FARE FOR CHILDREN

For additional information call on or phone me:

W. T. MALONE  
Ticket Agent, Frisco Lines  
Sikeston, Mo.

Nearly five hundred whales were taken in Alaskan waters last year.

## MISSOURI AUTO DEATHS INCREASED IN NOVEMBER

Jefferson City, December 28.—Deaths from automobile accidents showed an increase in Missouri during November, when 58 fatalities are reported in a partial survey of the State Highway Department. The number is an increase of 11, compared to 47 for the month of October.

Of the total deaths for November, 28 were killed instantly and 30 died later from injuries, the report showed. In the 769 accidents upon which reports were received for the month, a total of 573 persons were injured, not including the 58 fatalities.

In October the number of motor car accidents totaled 589, against the 769 for November.

St. Louis reported 50 accidents during November; Kansas City reported 95; 498 occurred in other cities and towns and 126 on county and State roads.

Partial analysis of the causes of the November accidents shows that 54 were caused by careless driving, 33 by speeding and 28 by intoxicated drivers.

The majority of accidents were collisions, the report sets out, giving 319 of that nature. One hundred pedestrians were hit by motor cars.

An enterprising resident of Worcester, Mass., has equipped his radio set with eight loud speakers which he has installed in the homes of eight neighbors. He charges them \$2 a month each for the service.

Night  
or  
Day

Like the physician, we are always ready to answer a call, at any hour of the night or day. It is our mission to serve immediately when our services are required. We can at all times be reached by telephone.

**JOHN ALBRITTON**  
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**CROSLEY**  
**R-F-L-90**

A six tube radio receiver, installed in a beautiful console cabinet, with built-in Musicone, for but \$90. This ridiculously low priced radio consists of three bridge balanced stages of radio frequency amplification, detector and two stages of audio frequency. The two toned mahogany cabinet, with built-in Musicone, fits perfectly into the finest surroundings. This is, without doubt, the season's greatest radio value.

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Malone Avenue  
Phone 171



## BANK ROBBERS MADE ESCAPE

Bloomfield, December 28.—With only meager clues with which to work, Stoddard county authorities today admitted that it might be several days before any suspects will be taken into custody in connection with the bold hold-up last Thursday of the Bank of Bell City.

The investigation has turned largely into a hunt for a suspect who had been seen loitering in Bell City for several days before the robbery, it is understood, but so far this has been unsuccessful.

Authorities believe, however, that the bandits, after staging the holdup and locking the cashier, Frank Asa, in the vault, stayed at least 24 hours within the county. Sheriff George Barham, within 30 minutes after he was notified of the robbery, was on the scene, and within an hour he had notified authorities in every other county in the district, especially those along the Mississippi river where the bandits would have to go if they expected to escape into Illinois.

As has been told, the bandits entered the bank late in the evening, secreted themselves in a rear room, and then held up the cashier after he had returned from the postoffice with a shipment of money. Including the \$1600 which had come through the mail, the robbers obtained \$5090. To cover the escape they locked Asa in the vault and he remained there for an hour before being liberated.

A second bank robbery in this section took place in adjoining New Madrid county. In the latter instance, though, the bandits entered the bank at night and with an acetylene torch cut their way into the bank safe, obtaining \$11,000.

## ARTICLES BELONGING TO DEAD NEGRO FOUND

Officer Daniels and Joe L. Matthews made a diligent search of all outbuildings on the property of Matthews, Mrs. Bettie Matthews, E. C. Matthews, and Joe L. Matthews, last Sunday to locate the pistol that Joe Hunter, who was killed, was known to have, and for the sack of silver money that he was supposed to have had. Their efforts were not rewarded.

Tuesday, Joe L. Matthews, Jr., and John Wilson, small boys, climbed on top of a shed on the Joe Matthews place and saw a pistol sticking out of the snow and with the pistol was the sack containing about \$17 in silver. No paper money was found.

Young Joe tried to fire the pistol, but it had become rusty from being exposed to the rain and snow and refused to act. However, the small boys divided the silver between them and were well satisfied with their find until the money was taken from them and turned over to the police officials.

One of the suspects being held at Benton was at the J. L. Matthews home when the unconscious man was found, but displayed no signs of interest. Circumstances pointed strongly to "Popeyed Bob" from the start and the finding of the pistol and the silver bring the crime closer to him.

## MRS. RONALD BUCKLES OPENS NEW MUSIC SHOP

The corner room of the Beck Building has been rented by Mrs. Ronald Buckles and will be run as a music shop.

She will keep on hand at all times, a full line of the latest records for both Edison and Brunswick Victrolas, sheet music, magazines, cigars, candy, etc. Mrs. Buckles was with the Lair Co. for a long time and is familiar with the lines she will handle.

## GOVERNMENT TO TAKE POISON FROM ALCOHOL

Washington, December 28.—The government today ordered an inventory of all denatured alcohol preparatory to issuance of a new formula for industrial plants which will denature the alcohol along more distasteful, but less poisonous lines.

While not apologizing for using wood alcohol as a denaturant in an attempt to prevent the diversion of industrial alcohol to beverage uses, Assistant Secretary Andrews, in charge of enforcement, hopes to make the alcohol unusable by less poisonous means if possible.

Mrs. C. C. Beasley continues in very poor health at her home in this city.

## SUPPOSED CHICKEN THIEVES CAUGHT

Recently several parties down on the Chute have been missing chickens. Judge George Wilks has lost something like 100 fowls.

Sheriff Smith informed this office that on last Thursday morning about daylight, D. C. Curtis and Albert Jarbo, living near the Chute, arrived in Sikeston with an auto load of chickens and attempted to sell them to a buyer. The early hour and the fact that they were strangers aroused suspicion that all was not right. Local officers arrested the two and notified Sheriff Smith, who went to Sikeston and brought the prisoners to this city and lodged them in the county jail.

The Sikeston chicken buyer stated that the load of chickens were worth about \$42, a sufficient amount to send a thief to the penitentiary if stolen in the day time, and if stolen in the night time, one fowl unlawfully taken subjects the thief to a similar sentence.

It is hoped that all parties guilty of the low and abominable practice of stealing chickens will receive adequate punishment. Sheriff Smith states that one of the accused parties has made a confession of guilt.—Cathartsville Democrat.

## REPUBLICANS DECIDE COURSE IN SMITH CASE

Washington, December 27.—Republican Senators have decided upon the course they will adopt toward Farnk L. Smith if, as expected, he appears next week to present his credentials to fill the vacancy until March 4 created by the death of Senator McKinley of Illinois.

Acting under the direction of a group of prominent Republicans, Senator Curtis, party leader in the Senate, today drafted an unanimous consent agreement to seat Smith and to have his case referred immediately to the Committee on Privileges and Elections with instructions to report within five days and to have the recommendation of the committee immediately debated and finally voted upon within five days of its submission.

The Republicans hope to dispose of the case within ten days after Smith arrives, and thus avoid the danger of an extra session which might be brought about by unlimited debate on the Ashurst motion to bar Smith without even letting him enter the chamber.

The agreement will be submitted when Smith's credentials of appointment are presented. The Republicans do not anticipate every member of the Senate will agree to it. They will reply to objection by putting the same proposal in the form of a motion, which would require merely a majority vote for passage.

## PECANS IN TEXAS SHOW FINE YIELDS

W. F. D. Batjer, secretary of the Southeast Missouri Association, today was exhibiting several large pecans, samples from trees which he planted on a farm he once owned in West Texas twenty years ago. The nuts were sent him by his brother, who secured them from the present owner.

Batjer planted the trees against the advice of the farmers in that community, but in six years he had the satisfaction of seeing them beginning to bear and they have produced fruit regularly since that time.

Owing to the fine quality of the pecans, they are sold at from 75 cents to \$1 per pound.—Cape Missourian.

NOTICE—Any dogs found inside of my fence will be killed.—Fred Paul, Stpd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Woods entertained seven couples at the Del Rey Hotel Wednesday evening with a six o'clock dinner.

Mrs. A. E. Lawrence was called to Northeast Missouri, Wednesday, by a telegram stating that a sister residing near Fulton had died.

The D. A. R. will meet Saturday, January 8, at the home of Mrs. A. C. Barrett. Mesdames Barrett and M. M. Beck will be the hostesses.

Mrs. Laura Smith entertained her family with an old-fashioned Christmas dinner Tuesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Crowe of Dexter were here for the event.

The Woman's Club of Commerce has given the high school an emergency cot for the care of pupils who may become sick while at school or may be injured in athletics.

## Good Bye Old Year-- Welcome to the New

### A Message from the Heart to Our Loyal Friends and Patrons

The year just closing seemed short to us but we presume it passed quickly because we were busy and the fact that we have been busy prompted us to stop with the sounding of the signal or the passing of 1926 to give thanks for the patrons who have made our business possible.

### And This Is Our New Year Wish For You

May the sunshine be brighter, the sky more blue, friends more true and your pathway free from any obstructions to hinder your success and happiness. May the opportunity for helpful service come to you and may 1927 bring you new and broader visions of life that will prove helpful and inspiring to you and those about you.

To all of our patrons we send our best wishes and hearty thanks for patronage, large or small. We want to serve you in 1927.

PHONE 433

## Taylor Auto Co.

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When better automobiles are built, Buick will build them

## CAIRO IS PREPAR- ING FOR BANDITS

Cairo, Ill., December 28.—Bandits coming to Cairo will get a warm reception as 19 men here and in this immediate vicinity have been given special deputy commissions, while arms of all kinds have been distributed for use against law breakers.

Eight special deputies have been sworn in here, while 11 have been named at Thebes and Olive Branch and at other points in the county. Machine guns, riot guns and heavy caliber revolvers are to be placed at convenient points for immediate use.

In addition, eight sharpshooters from Company K of the Illinois National Guard, have been organized in a bandit pursuit unit and will be armed with long range rifles and two machine guns and they will travel in high powered cars.

Arthur Reese of Houston, Texas is visiting his mother, Mrs. S. R. Reese and other relatives.

FOR SALE—Sellar's kitchen cabinet, ivory bedroom suite, 4 pieces. Apply to Mrs. Norman Davis, 523 N. New Madrid Street, phone 332. St.

Tom L. Tanner is slowly improving from injuries received at Charleston when a ladder on which he was working, broke, letting him fall to the ground. An X-ray taken by Dr. Grinstead at Cairo shows that his pelvic bone was broken. It will be several weeks before he can lay aside his crutches.

Peter Marshall Carroll, one of the twin boys born to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Carroll, died at the family residence near Vanduser Christmas Day and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery at Sikeston, Monday, December 27. The funeral services were held at St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church, Rev. Fr. Woods officiating.

The lad was born January 21, 1925. He had never been a very robust lad, but the immediate cause of death was pneumonia.

## SAYS MISSOURI MUSEUMS ARE NOT PROPERLY USED

Jefferson City, December 28.—The Missouri Itesources Museum in the State Capitol Building is being turned into a "curio museum", while both it and the historic museum are being used for other than the purposes for which they were designed, declared E. W. Stephens, Columbia, in a letter made public here today. Stephens was chairman of the State Capitol Commission, which supervised the erection of the Statehouse. His letter, to a state official, suggested the coming Legislature should be asked to restore the museums to the purpose for which they were designed.

The chairman of the State Capitol Commission asserted that the resources museum was "intended to be an exhibition of all the counties of the state, the physical, educational and intellectual resources", and added that "every county would then have an opportunity to have its products brought before the general public".

"It is being turned, I fear, more into a museum of curios", he said. "It was not intended to be a museum of that kind and I hope that it will be brought back to its original purpose".

Miss Ellen DuBois has returned from Cobden, Ill., where she went to hang up her stocking at her father's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arba Sensenbaugh of St. Louis spent the holidays in this city, the guests of their sons, M. M. and A. L. Sensenbaugh. Mr. Sensenbaugh is traveling through the Southern States for the John Deere Plow Company.

There came near being a serious affair at the Christmas tree entertainment at the Kewanee School House, when a kerosene lamp was accidentally turned over, setting fire to a few flimsy decorations. Luckily no particular damage was done and the program was carried out as though nothing had happened.

## FARMER'S THROAT SLASHED BY NEGRO

Bloomfield, December 27.—Franklin Cook, farmer of near Clines Island, is recovering following an attack by a negro who slashed his throat with a pocketknife, and then escaped. The wound, three inches in length, was near the jugular vein.

Cook had ordered the negro from his home some time before and his thought to have caused the attack.

Frank Wallace, of Monette, Ark., was the guest of Miss Evelyn Sutton in this city, this week.

The Lutherans of Sikeston will have services at Miner Switch Sunday morning, January 2, at 10:30. All are welcome.—E. H. Koerber, Pastor. LOST—On Christmas day, on the main highway between East Prairie and Sikeston, a black handbag, containing children's and men's clothing. Reasonable reward if returned to Mrs. W. C. Combs, East Prairie.

Mrs. J. Z. Sutton entertained with a six o'clock dinner Tuesday evening at her home on Dorothy Street. Covers were laid for Frank Wallace of Monette, Ark., Miss Evelyn Sutton of Galesburg, Ill., Miss Hyacinth Sheppard, Carroll and Lynn Sutton and J. Z. Sutton.

STRAYED—From my place, three mules, 1 black mare mule, 5 years old, 16 hands high; one brown mare mule, 15 hands high, about 9 years old; one brown bay horse mule about 7 years old, 16 hands. Reward for information leading to recovery.—Grover C. Baker.

Dr. Leo H. Schnurbusch, formerly of Sikeston, has located at Marshall, Mo., for the practice of his profession, that of chiropractic surgery. While a citizen of this city Dr. Schnurbusch and his wife made many friends who were sorry to see them leave and who will now wish them well in their location. The Standard highly recommends this couple to the good people of Marshall.

## MO. PACIFIC SPECIAL AGENT SLAIN AT CAIRO

Cairo, Ill., December 29.—Given no chance to defend himself, Scott Everett, special agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, former police desk sergeant and war veteran, was shot to death by an unseen assailant last night as he sat in the saloon of Elbert Thomas.

The slayer fired four or five charges from a shotgun from the outside through the front plate-glass window. Everett had just gone inside the place and occupied a settee within six feet of where the glass was shattered by the charges of shot that killed him instantly.

Thomas said that Everett apparently was entirely unaware of the approach of danger. Thomas had sat down beside Everett and narrowly escaped death. Two of the small shot struck him over the right ear, but did not penetrate to a serious depth.

The slayer left no tangible clew. Self-styled witnesses to the shooting have been found but tell conflicting and widely diverging stories.

A wolf hound, which no one has claimed, appeared after the shooting and today refused to leave the settee on which Everett had sat. The dog's dismal howling was the only sound as the saloon was closed after the tragedy.

Everett had made many enemies during his career as an officer and it is believed by the authorities that one of these planned the murder and imported gangsters for the actual attack.

## MONTHLY CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST WORKERS CONVENE

The monthly conference of the Baptist workers of the Charleston Association will convene with the East Prairie Baptist Church on January 3, 1927. Following is the program which will be rendered at that time:

10:00—Devotional.....W. D. McCoy  
10:30—Reports From the Field—  
"Christ's Program For His Churches".  
11:00—Locally.....T. M. Estes  
11:30—"In the Regions Roundabout"  
.....L. C. Howard  
12:00—"In the Regions Beyond"  
.....S. P. Britton

12:30—Luncheon.  
1:15—Board Meeting  
1:45—W. M. S. Program, led by Mrs. Clara E. Graham.

2:30—Bible Study, led by S. W. Driggers.  
3:00—Adornment.

If desirable evening services will be arranged by local church.

## SENIOR B. Y. P. U. ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church elected the following officers to serve during the year 1927:

President—A. H. Johnson.  
Vice President—Meredith Lee  
Secretary—Ormand Barnes.  
Treasurer—Carlos McKinney  
Corresponding Secretary—Dorothy Morris.

Pianist—Margaret Whidden  
Chorister—Mac Bomer.  
Bible Instructor—Rev. S. P. Britton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard had as their dinner guest, Tuesday at noon, Arthur Reese of Houston, Texas.

G. Martin of Ilmo will attend the International Rotary convention at Ostend, Belgium, June 5-10, as a delegate from the Ilmo-Fornfelt Rotary Club.

LOST—On December 24, a small egg case, between Pinnell Store Co., and old Tile Factory, with children's stockings, ties, towels, handkerchiefs and other Xmas goods inside. Please return to Pinnell Store Co. or Sidney Johnson, R. 2, box 123, Sikeston, Mo.

The Merry Dance Club held their regular dance at the Armory Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Law as host and hostess. Favors of Christmas caps and confetti were distributed and refreshments of ice cream and angel food cake were served to the guests. Those present pronounced it one of the jolliest dances of the season.

The Amoma Girls of the Baptist Church will be hostess to the young people of the church on New Year's eve. The evening will start with a "kid party" at 7:30. Everyone is expected to come dressed as a child. The party will continue until 11 at which time it will be turned into a Watch Party and the last hour of the year will be spent in song and devotional service.

## COAST GUARD CUTTERS WILL PATROL HERE

Armed coast guard revenue cutters, operating under the direction of the government prohibition unit, will patrol the Mississippi river in the vicinity of Cape Girardeau to break up the illicit liquor-making industry, reported to be flourishing on islands in the river, it was learned here today.

Two cutters of the government coast guard are already in service on the river and have made two raids in the vicinity of Memphis, Tenn., according to reports reaching here, and two additional ones are to be placed in service immediately.

Headquarters will be maintained at Memphis, but the boats will be assigned to patrol the river from a point near St. Louis to Vicksburg, with each boat probably having a definite territory and headquarters along the river.

In addition to breaking up the liquor-manufacturing establishments on the river islands, the boats will also be used to run down fleet motorboats which are used to convey liquor smuggled from the Gulf to inland towns.

Each of the cutters will be armed with long range guns and will be armored in case of a battle with rum runners. They will be manned by coast guardsmen, but prohibition agents will accompany each boat in the event of raids on islands.

Captain Homilmen has been placed in charge of the fleet, but its operations will be directed by Alvin J. Howe, the deputy prohibition administrator at Memphis, co-operating with the prohibition forces at St. Louis.

The exact base of operations will be kept secret and in case of raids, the prohibition agents will board the boats at different points. As was the case of a raid Sunday, the boats were kept under cover and were boarded by the agents at Helena, Ark., and then they dashed to Scandlin's bar where a big still and several thousand gallons of mash were destroyed.

In another raid, similarly executed the cutters carried the agents to the Josie-Harry Island, 18 miles south of Memphis and seized 9000 gallons of mash and a big still, and on still another raid on President's island in the same vicinity, destroyed a 1000-gallon still.—Cape Missourian.

## THE STAR RESTAURANT OPENED WEDNESDAY

The Star Restaurant in the Sexton Building on Front Street opened its doors for business Wednesday and sold out their dinner lines early.

The Star is operated by Mesdames Sexton and Willis, who are not novices at the business, having engaged a like business at Joppa, Illinois, for a number of years. Everything in this place is new from the kitchen range, utensils, dishes in the back room to the large soda fountain and furniture in the main dining room. At the rear end of the dining room is a large counter from which short orders can be served promptly. A steam cabinet is one the road and will be installed upon arrival from which hot short order meals can be served at any hour.

One of the beauties of The Star, and one that will appeal to the hungry public, is that all of the pies, cakes, puddings, etc., will be cooked in their own kitchen by one or the other of the proprietors who are artists in that line.

The editor acknowledges the bountiful helping of some very rich pie and marshmallow roll with whipped cream, that was set before him by these ladies.

While driving to St. Louis Christmas morning a closed automobile carrying Fred Naeter and little daughter, George A. Naeter and Miss Nora Naeter, skidded on the icy pavement at a point near the intersection of highways Nos. 61 and 51 and turned over several times, landing in a deep ditch. The car was apparently demolished, but none of the occupants was seriously injured and none received a cut. All were bruised and George Naeter suffered a severe strain of the muscles of the back, which has kept him in bed since that time. James M. Brennecke, Jackson, a star route mail carrier, took the party in his car to Jackson and turned them over to a service car driver. The Naeter family braved the severe storm, hoping to spend the day with Mrs. Fred Naeter, who is in a hospital in St. Louis.—Cape Missourian.



# SKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AT SKESTON, MISSOURI

Entered at the Postoffice at Skeston, Scott County, Missouri, as second-class mail matter, according to act of Congress.

Rates:  
Display advertising, per single column inch, net .....25c  
Bank statements, minimum .....\$10.00  
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Yearly subscription in Scott and the adjoining counties .....\$1.50  
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The farmers of the country should now rest easy as Hon. Charles Nagel of St. Louis has announced the following leading agriculturists of the United States to tell the farmers just what is the matter with them and how to keep it from hurting: Robert W. Bingham, publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal and Times, Louisville, E. N. Brown, chairman of the board, St. Louis-Frisco Railway, New York, M. Herr, president, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., New York; John Stuart, president Quaker Oats Co., Chicago; Alfred H. Swayne, vice-president, General Motors Corp., New York; Paul M. Warburg, chairman of the board International Acceptance Corp., New York.

This will be the last issue of The Standard for the year 1926. The year, for The Standard, has been a fair one, financially, in that we have been able to meet our obligations and take care of our credit. We have worked hard, put in long hours, and have carried on with a minimum force. Thanks to the loyalty of this force, we've been able to overcome obstacles and produce results where it seemed impossible. We have tried to be fair and considerate to this force and by their ready response when the call came, we feel that they are satisfied. To them we owe a great measure of what success we may have had. During the New Year The Standard will carry on as heretofore, with no bosses, but all co-workers and on an equal footing, and trust that good health and three meals a day will at least be the portion of each of this family of good fellows.

New Years Greetings to our worthy competitor. May 1927 be a prosperous year to him. May good health be with him and his family. May he have no troubles, but if so, may they be little ones.

We heard a married man say that the greatest objection he had to the radio was that he frequently was suddenly aroused from slumber by the announcer, whom he mistook for another man talking to his wife!

The Standard editor would like the ministers of the city, the teachers, the City Dads, and others interested in the welfare of this community, tell us what they believe we can best do during the New Year to make this a better community in which to live and bring up a family.

The cable construction crew of the telephone company were brought from Paragould, Ark., to make repairs on Skeston cables caused by shots from B B rifles in the hands of small boys shooting at birds on the cable. The shot makes a dent in the cable that soon causes a leak which lets in water that grounds the telephones for several blocks each direction. Parents should caution kids with these air rifles.

We know not what the New Year has in store for us, but we hope the Good Lord will deal gently with us through the New Year. We trust He will guide the seasons and conditions that our farmer friends may again prosper. That He will endow our merchants with the patience and fortitude required in lean times. That He will give our workers strength and will power to carry on notwithstanding seemingly insurmountable obstacles. That He will give our preachers, teachers and professional men wisdom and strength to lead on to better things.

But Christmas is not only the milestone of another year, moving us to thoughts of self-examination,—it is a season, from all its associations, whether domestic or religious, suggesting thought of joy. A man dissatisfied with his endeavors is a man tempted to sadness. And in the midst of winter, when his life runs lowest and he is reminded of the empty chairs of his beloved, it is well that he should be condemned to this fashion of the smiling face.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

## I READ IN THE PAPERS THAT—

In the North China Star, the daily English-language newspaper published at Tientsin, China, Charles James Fox, the editor, has some interesting comments on Senator William E. Borah. He writes 'Under the title "The Senator Nobody Knows—Borah the Enigma—A Politician Who Will Not Play Politics", The Dearborn Independent has an interesting and instructive article on the Senior Senator from Idaho. It says "Yet Borah is probably better known in Europe than any other American except the President". It might with equal truth have added, "And Borah is better known in China than any other American not excepting the President".

'Ask almost any educated Chinese young or old, to name someone in American history and his answer is almost invariably Lin Kun, which is his pronunciation of Lincoln. Ask the same man to mention a great living American and nine times out of ten his reply is Bor Ah. Stories of the life of Lincoln are to be found in all parts of China and every Chinese who has been lucky enough to go to school, has read them in his youth. Anything about Borah has "news value", in China.'

What is believed to be the last remaining vestige of political discrimination against women—ineligibility to sit in a state legislature—has been ended. Iowa, the only state in the Union which prohibited women from having a direct voice in the passage of state statutes, put the eligibility question up to the voters in November with the result that an amendment to the state constitution, which makes women eligible as members of the state legislature, was approved. The granting of woman suffrage by constitutional amendment six years ago in most instances automatically granted to women equal officeholding rights with men. The constitutions of only a few states needed to be changed in this respect.

From a prison cell comes an editorial on crime. It appears in The Echo, published by the convicts in Pennsylvania's Western State Penitentiary at Pittsburgh, and it bears a message for newspaper editor and newspaper reader alike:

'Where could the young criminal find a better schooling in crime than from the front pages of the daily newspapers and the feature articles

in the supplements of the Sunday papers? To speak of them as primers of crime would be mild. If one were seriously bent on compiling a handbook of crime, for use of criminals, all necessary material could be taken from our average daily newspapers.

'Let any unprejudiced person, who thinks the above is overdrawn, study the first newspaper that comes to hand, and read the headlines of the featured news. Then read the detail with which every phase of any crime is described; the methods used in committing the act; the supposed manner of escape; what the detectives have discovered in the way of clues and how they plan to catch the perpetrators. Then search for news regarding some of the worth-while things in life, some noble action, a deed of devoted self-sacrifice in the interests of mankind, any one of the things that help to make the world better and inspire emulation in the hearts of others. Do you find it on the front page, with a heading an inch high? Or is it more often found on an inside page in an inconspicuous place? What impression can the criminal mind receive when it sees crime hold the chief place in the world?'

Five-year-old Patricia Conroy, says the New York Times, is proud of her father, Martin Conroy, and of the songs he had composed and published. She stood listening to a phonograph the other day, hearing a soft-throated tenor singing 'If I Had a Girl Like You'. Suddenly she jumped up, clapped her hands and shouted: 'That's daddy's song! That's daddy's song!'

So her 'daddy' filed a suit for \$200,000 against the Jerome H. Remick Company, music publishers, for alleged piracy of a song which he had written in 1914 and which he published and copyrighted in 1921. It was entitled 'I Wonder What Makes Me Love You'.

Mr. Conroy says the Remick song, published last year, was lifted bodily from his own published and copyrighted composition. The reply of the Remick Company will be that both songs are direct and obvious steals from Johann Strauss' 'Blue Danube Waltz', which is not copyrighted.

To be 'is' or not to be 'is'—that is the question which still confronts high officials of the Burlington Railroad. After two months of eager searching they are still unenlightened as to when 'is' is to be 'are', and when 'are' is to be 'is'. It all came about when a vice-president in a circular wrote: 'Along the right of way is a tremendous area in which is produced two-thirds of the oats and more than half the corn in the United States'.

The passenger traffic manager erased 'is' and substituted 'are'. The vice-president reinserted 'is'. Then each appealed to higher authority.

Chicago University said 'is' is correct. Northwestern University upheld 'are'. The dispute was carried up to Harvard. That institution approved 'is'. A dictionary stood by 'are'.

The vice-president wired Princeton and the traffic manager wired Yale. The answering telegrams came in together.

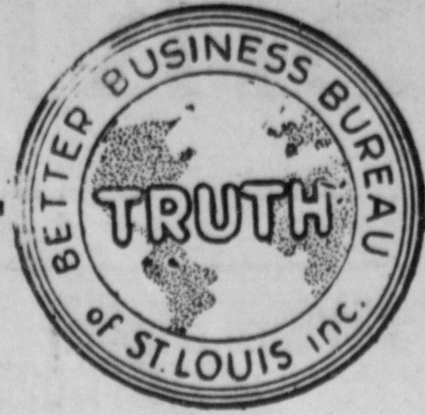
'Princeton prefers "is", gleefully shouted the vice-president.

'William Lyon Phelps votes "are" for Yale', retorted the traffic manager. Finally they tossed a coin. 'Is' won.

Druggists of Dayton, Ohio, have taken a step toward ridding their stores of salacious and suggestive magazines, which may be widely followed throughout the country. At a meeting of their association, they adopted and signed the following resolution: 'Be it resolved, that a committee be appointed to act as censors for the magazines and periodicals sold on our stands, for the purpose of controlling the output of indecent and salacious, if not illegal, magazines that are continually placed on the market by certain publishers who have no regard for moral decency, but simply plan their nefarious practice for personal gain. We are of the opinion that such publications contribute in no small degree to moral lassitude and lawlessness, detrimental to moral and physical welfare'.

One of every three persons in New York City is a Jew.

The American home, in its economic aspect, is as much a business proposition as any industrial corporation, just as dependent on good management, just as subject to failure through bad management. In all this talk about prosperity, we forget that the first point where insolvency begins is in the American family, and that the origin of it is debt which represents no productive investment. Credit that burdens the family instead of releasing the family's energies is the initial blow at prosperity. To keep the American family solvent and independent, carefully protected by sound household management, is the first requisite of national prosperity.—Henry Ford.



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Some features of the oft-told story of William Scott, arrested for sleeping on post, sentenced to be shot, and saved by President Lincoln, seem to have come from the imagination of those who related the Civil War incident, rather than from facts. William E. Barton, who says he has spent years investigating the story, searching the files of the war department, relates in the Dearborn Independent that he finds that Lincoln did not issue the pardon and that Lincoln did not ride out to the Chain Bridge, arriving in a cloud of dust as the firing squad was standing ready to fire. Instead, the pardon was issued by order to Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan. The President had asked for the reprieve of Scott, but he had no further hand in the incident.—K. C. Star.

An army mule which strayed away from an army post in Panama was discovered forty-seven days later in a ten-foot hole, with saddle and bridle still on. He had subsisted on vegetation in the hole, and such water as fell his way.

On some of the large ranches in Wyoming it is estimated that fifteen per cent of the cattle are stolen in a year.

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## As Father Time Draws the Curtains of Time on 1926 We Pause to Think

And as we look back over the days of the year gone by we see some things we might have done and some we might have left undone, but one thing we feel is as unchanged as it was the day we entered business and that is sincere appreciation of our patrons and our earnest desire each day to serve them better. The approach of a new year brings renewed interest in our regular patrons and strengthens our desire to serve others. But in the midst of it all we stop to "take stock" so to speak and we find on hand a generous supply of good wishes so we pass this one along to you—

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### TELLS HOW TO AVOID ACCIDENTS IN HOMES

Practically all of the 20,000 fatal accidents that took place in American homes last year could have been prevented if the victims had been careful, avers Homer E. Nies, vice president of the National Safety Council, which is endeavoring to conserve the lives and limbs and property of persons while they are working, walking, motoring, swimming, or resting at home. Here are some safety suggestions for housewives:

Taking down pictures may result in a fatal fall if you don't use a substantial stepladder, instead of a rocking chair or some other substitute.

Put Eddie's express wagon where nobody will trip over it.

Slipping on pavements can be prevented if every property owner and tenant will sprinkle some sawdust, dirt or ashes in front of their buildings.

Make sure that the garage doors and windows are open when anybody starts the engine in the family car and you will prevent another case of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Be careful lest you are shocked through handling electrical appliances. Always buy from responsible houses that sell standard products. Read the instructions issued by the public utility companies carefully and be sure to follow them, if you would live a little longer.

Remember, home dry cleaning is not always economical. Be especially careful when handling explosives for this purpose.

Should not be hung to dry clothes.

Phone numbers of fire department hung in kitchen. Know the alarm.

As a minimum, according to report just compiled, to be presented to the State School Administrative Association.

The charge is made that the Legislature in 1925, diverted money from the school funds because "the school officials would kick less effectively".

The report recommends that pressure be brought to bear on the 1927 Legislature to be more generous with public school appropriations.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruskin Cook are moving to St. Louis, where they expect to make their future home. Ruskin will be associated with an insurance company.

Three more Civil Service students of Chillicothe Business College this month received mail clerk appointments at \$1700 a year, two at Kansas City, the other at Des Moines.

We have several attractive farms for rent to men who can finance themselves for the coming year, one of 240 acres located near Kennett, will allow renter to clear additional land for spring crop, balance near Gideon.—The Gideon-Anderson Co., Gideon, Mo. 2t.

### MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Kansas City—Palmolive Soap Co. and Peet Bros. Soap Co., of Kansas City, to merge.

Slater—Shirt factory considering locating in this town.

Marshall—Marshall-Slater highway No. 20 to be graveled.

Slater—New traffic signals being installed at various intersections in city.

Cedar Creek—Highway No. 65 between Cedar Creek and Bothwell to be paved.

Union—New Franklin County courthouse and jail to be erected here.

Union—Union-Washington road being improved.

Washington—Plans under way for erection of bridge over Missouri River here.

Purdy—Ozark Power & Water Co. offers to purchase city light plant.

Cassville—Work started on construction of highway No. 44 from Cassville to Exeter.

Carthage—Bids requested for improvement of highway No. 36 south of this city.

Pierce City—Million Smiles Poultry Farm and Ozark Hatchery installing two new model incubators in plant here.

Lexington—New athletic stadium to be erected at Wentworth Military Academy.

Kansas City—Missouri-U. S. highway No. 71 from Kansas City to Carthage to be graveled.

Ozark—New Ozark Cheese Factory starts operations here.

Bee Ridge—Five truckloads hogs shipped from here recently.

Kansas City—B'hai Jehudah synagogue at 11th and Oak Streets, to be remodeled.

Shelbyville—Northeast Missouri Association to hold annual meeting here in January.

Plans under way for construction of city building for Union County.

Grinnell—Coldwater.

Electric is knocking at city purchase city light plant.

Rector—Arkansas-Mo. Power Co. to extend high line to connect with main trunk power line at Rector serving seven towns in Arkansas and Missouri.

Schell City—Several streets of city to be improved.

Tuscumbia—New bridge to be erected over Osage River between Tuscumbia and Iberia.

Centralia—Elder Manufacturing Company may establish factory here.

Boonville—Repairs being made to front of Boonville National Bank.

South St. Louis—New electric street lighting system installed in downtown section of South St. Louis.

Chillicothe—New paved highway to be constructed between Chillicothe and Trenton.

Kansas City—New automatic block signals installed on Missouri Pacific Railroad, from Kansas City to St. Louis.

Pleasant Hill—Penn Lubric Oil Company's new filling station at Lake and Paul Street finished.

Kansas City—Road from Kansas City to Joplin to be paved.

Caruthersville—St. Louis, Kennett & Southeastern Railroad sold to Frisco Railroad.

Mexico—Continental Bank Supply Co. to establish factory here.

Piedmont—Work started on new hydroelectric power dam near here by Black River Hydro-Electric Co.

Salem—Salem Light & Power Co. sold to American Utilities Co.

Chula—Bank of Chula and Farmers & Merchants Bank merge.

Ferguson—New sewers being laid in district No. 11.

Columbia—New law building nearing completion at University of Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buchanan were down from St. Louis to spend Christmas with the family of C. C. Buchanan.

Charlie Frank spent three days of the week in Matthews assisting the Emory Store Co. in their annual invoice.

L. J. Gollwitzer and Sam Fitzsimmons of Cleveland, Ohio, are in Sikeston looking over the Himmel oil well. They are investors in the Eldorado, Ark., oil field.

Neal Gilbert and three companions sailed from New York Wednesday morning for Venezuela, where they have a three-years' contract with the Western Supply Co. of Oklahoma.

The insurance adjusters have settled the loss on the Dye Hotel and carpenters are at work to remodel same. The sharp gables will be omitted from the building and a flat roof substituted. Provided the weather remains fair, it will be but a few weeks until the New Dye will be open and ready for business.

Col. Arnold, owner of general merchandise stores at Portageville and Vanduser, has closed a three-year lease on the store room now occupied by Henry Hill's H. & S. Economy Store and expects to stock the room with new goods the coming week. One of the rooms in the Beck Building is being put in order for the H. & S. Economy Store.

Mrs. A. B. Skillman entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner Wednesday, complimentary to her son, Vernon, who left that evening for St. Louis, where he is attending Washington University. After dinner, two tables of bridge furnished the entertainment. Among the invited guests were: Misses Sarah Malone, Barbara Beck, Elizabeth Stallcup, Louise Stubblefield and Lucille Stubblefield, Messrs. Vernon Skillman, Milton Blanton, Spencer Black, Wendell Enson, David Blanton and Murry Q. Tanner of Webster Groves.

Dr. and Mrs. Handy L. Smith entertained with a six o'clock dinner Monday evening, at their home on Tanner Street, in honor of their son, Linn, who is a student at the University of Missouri. The home was decorated with poinsettias and ferns. The dinner, served in three courses, was beautifully set off by the light of twelve individual candles. Covers were laid for: Miss Anita Winchester, Miss Lottie Dover, Miss Dorothy Lillard, Miss Elizabeth Stallcup, Miss Hilma Black, Miss Lillian Shields, Mr. Milton Blanton, Mr. Billie Keith, Mr. Charles D. Matthews III, Mr. John Sikes, Dr. Jack Bowman and Mr. Linn Smith.

### SIAM GIVES HONOR TO NEW WHITE ELEPHANT

Another white elephant has been born in North Siam, and brought south to Cheng Mai for inspection by the authorities. It entered the city attended by a great procession of other elephants which, though similar in kind, were far beneath it in rank. The sacred beast, according to cabled dispatches, was received by priests at the gates with that traditional reverence which these rare patriars of the jungle have been accorded for countless centuries. Afterward it was garlanded by the Chao Luang and precious lustral water was poured upon its venerated head in the presence of a great gathering of persons of all nationalities. It then continued its stately journey to the palace of the king.

The veneration with which the Siamese regard their white elephants is founded on an old superstition. Like many of the peoples of the east, they believe that the departed souls of men return to inhabit the bodies of animals. The ancient Egyptians and the natives of modern India have had similar conception of immortality, leading them to hold certain animals sacred. And in Siam the white elephant is most sacred of all because in it are belived to dwell the spirits of kings and heroes of long ago.

The extreme rarity of the white variety coincides nicely with the superstition. Siam is a land of elephants. They are used for hunting and for travel, as well as for doing the heavy draft labor which western races assign to the truck and the traveling crane. Once upon a time the van of the Siamese army was composed of a formidable squadron of elephants of war, recalling Hannibal's expeditionary formed in Gaul. The king had a herd of 20,000.

Time has somewhat tarnished the procedure which was gone through before the white elephant reached the royal stables in the old days. It is said to record the last one captured, though feted with proper magnificence at the beginning and ending of his travels, made the actual journey from Ayutha to Bangkok in a reinforced freight car of a blatantly materialistic design, and was lodged in a stable vulgarly illuminated with several practical electric lights.

They ordered these matters better in the past. Immediately upon his capture the white elephant began to receive the adulation befitting his position. To whatever part of the jungle he was temporarily detained in nobles and mandarins were at once sent that he might be properly cared for.

Some preliminary training was necessary in the amenities of his new position, that he might learn the manners of courtly elephants. Since his skin was his fortune, this was carefully washed, that the priceless paller might show to full advantage. Only the best unguents were used in this operation, of course, and for the rest of his life he was to receive this daily massage.

Then, along specially cut roads thru the jungle he was led triumphantly to the banks of the river, and the honors he received in this passage from the rural population were continued with increasing magnificence as he approached the urban localities. At Ayuthia, the old capital of Siam, a royal barge was waiting to carry him down the Menam River to Bangkok. It was a floating palace of teakwood, hung with crimson curtains and carpeted with gilded matting.

But the most munificent ceremony was yet to come. He was met at Bangkok by an even more imposing committee of notables, who came to confer the name the king had chosen for him. This was inscribed on a particularly succulent piece of sugar-cane, and after the priests had baptized him in the presence of the king, he was very obviously accepted the chosen name by swallowing it.

It is this financial aspect that gave point to the expression, "to have a white elephant on your hands". When the king presented one of the royal white elephants to a noble, it was taken to mean that he desired to ruin him, since no ordinary exchequer could stand the expense which a white elephant required for its proper upkeep, and since the beast was apt to live two or three centuries, there was no hope of success from the magnificent burden.—Commercial Appeal.

Sikeston Standard, \$1.50 per year

### AMERICA ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO

Newton, Pa., December 24, 1776.—General Washington and his officers dined this Christmas eve at the quarters of Gen. Nathaniel Greene. But not for a holiday festivity. They met for a council of war to plan an adventure which within forty-eight hours may determine the fate of America. The countersign for this adventure will be "Victory or Death".

Orders have been given to cook rations for three days. From the Pennsylvania bank of the Delaware we can see the Hessians in Trenton, a pretty village containing about 130 houses and a Presbyterian meeting house. There are apple orchards and gardens, although now winter-bound. Colonel Rall is there with his regiment and Knyphausen has a few dragoons and riflemen. American scouts and spies have secured for the general the most complete information about the enemy's positions, now spread out in a long line along the route of our recent retreat, and reaching southward toward Philadelphia.

A scout brings news that General Howe has issued a proclamation offering pardon to everybody in New Jersey who will lay down his arms and take the oath of allegiance to the king. The scout says that Howe and Cornwallis are well pleased with what they have done, that Cornwallis is going to England to tell the king the rebellion is about over, and that Howe is going to have a good time in New York attending dinner parties. The enemy thinks that the campaign is over and that they are comfortably fixed for the winter.

The general (Washington) has received a letter from Col. Joseph Reed at Bristol saying in part:

"We are all of opinion, my dear general, that something must be attempted to revive our expiring credit, give our cause some degree of reputation, and prevent a total depreciation of the Continental money, which is coming on very fast; that even a failure cannot be more fatal than to remain in our present situation; in short, some enterprise must be undertaken in our present circumstances or we must give up the cause."

Our cause is desperate and hopeless if we do not take the opportunity of the collection of the troops at present to strike some stroke. Our affairs are hastening fast to ruin if we do not retrieve them by some happy event.

"Pardon the freedom I have used. The love of my country, a wife and four children in the enemy's hands, the respect and attachment I have for you, the ruin and poverty that must attend me and thousands of others will plead my excuse."

The general will readily pardon the colonel for pleading that something must be attempted. It was because the general had reached this conclusion ten days ago that he summoned this Christmas eve's council and gave the countersign, "Victory or Death".—K. C. Star.

Loren Clark of Ava, Mo., was the guest of Miss Ruth Allard during the holidays.

The big Mid-Winter Opening of Chillicothe Business College is next Monday, January 3rd. New classes will be organized and scores of new students will enter.

In honor of Dr. E. J. Malone's 74th birthday his family jointly prepared a surprise feast for the occasion of which quails were the foundation. Besides the immediate family were Mrs. Ruth Putnam, Miss Lillian Putnam, Mrs. Grace Malone, Mrs. Mary Reed and Mrs. Ruth Malone and sons, Billy and Dan.

Miss Bettie McCutchen gave a very pretty dance at the Malone Theatre Monday and Tuesday evenings. To start with she is a very pretty little miss, then she was as graceful as could be. Her number was enjoyed very much by the large audiences present both evenings. The film picture with old ugly Wallace Beery as the main light, was laughable and much enjoyed.

Miss Ruth McCoy entertained on Wednesday evening at the Japanese Tea Room with a 5-course dinner in honor of Miss Honora Bailey of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Eva Jones Griffin of Florida. Those present besides the hostess were: Misses Honora Bailey, Ruth Allard, Clara Lindley, Sarah Malone, Mildred Bowman, Lucille Kendall, Ellen Du Bois, Lillian Kendall, Francoise Black, and Mesdames Eva Jones Griffin, and Tanner, Miley Limbaugh and Craven Watkins.

Giving jazz to England about evened the score. She gave us sparrows.—Los Angeles Times.

It's the same old South: Josephus Daniels has written a long apology to a prominent citizen whom he had inadvertently called a Republican.—Detroit News.

I have no sympathy with this fashion (minimizing and blackening the fame of great men of the past). Our great Americans who belong to the past were human, of course, but that does not prevent them from becoming great heroes and from doing great work in the liberation and up-building of their country. A touch of hero worship is a better quality than any amount of cheap and smart cynicism.—Henry Van Dyke.

### CARDWELL BANK FAILS TO OPEN

Cardwell, Mo., December 30.—The First National Bank of Cardwell was closed yesterday by the board of directors and this morning was turned over to William R. Young, bank examiner, who came here from Memphis. Old loans and a poor cotton crop year were given as causes for the bank's failure.

The institution was organized about six years ago. It had deposits of approximately \$40,000 and capital of \$50,000. No effort has been made as yet to re-organize the institution.

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Matinee and Evening

TOM TYLER and His Buoyant PALS in

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A mashings, hair-raising, spine-tickling battle on the Edge of the Yawning Chasm! Stumbling, Slugging, Wrestling toward the Abyssal Drop two panting men locked into a Life-and-Death battle. A break—a Short-arm Jolt—a Fall—and TOM TYLER lies with his head and shoulders over the Maw of Eternity, while his Snarling Foe leaps at him, feet first—See this thrilling situation in FBO's western comedy-melodrama!

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COMEDY and NEWS

Buckets of Laughs! HAL ROACH Presents "HOT HEELS" Jimmy Finlayson



Admission 10c and 35c

WEDNESDAY

Here comes Lefty at his best in a live wire Gerald Beaumont story! LEFTY FLYNN in

"Mulhall's Great Catch"

Rivals in love—a policeman and a fireman. And each department bitterly supporting its champion for the hand of Nora McCarron. The policeman saving the fireman in a fire—deadly disgrace! And—at last—the fireman saving the policeman when a couple of thugs threw a safe-blowing party! Whirlwind comedy—Smashing Action—Lovely Romance!

NEWS and Comedy—"SEA LEGS"

Admission 10c and 25c

THURSDAY

"Woman Power"

with KATHERINE PERRY and RALPH GRAVES

Comedy—"STEEPLECHASE"

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Subscription in Scott and the  
adjacent counties \$1.50  
Subscription elsewhere in the  
United States \$2.00

Ed P. Crowe of Dexter came into  
The Standard office Tuesday forenoon  
slobbering at the mouth. His first  
words were: "Tom and Jerry", but  
as Simon Loche was not in town the  
Key to the Situation was not at hand.  
It is a shame to have to disappoint  
any man in such a manner, but it  
was something beyond our control.

With bank robberies right under  
our nose, it looks as though some sort  
of a local guard ought to be organiz-  
ed that could be called out on short  
notice to go to the assistance of any  
institution in our city that might be  
held up or an attempt made on same.  
Rifles and shot guns, loaded, should  
be placed in a corner handy to reach

when the call is made. Some sort of  
an electrical signal, operated from  
stations in the banks, connected with  
the fire siren, should be fixed and  
when an alarm is given every man  
be prepared to shoot to kill. With  
the bunch that has been operating in  
Southeast Missouri and Southwest  
Illinois, banking institutions are  
not safe without some sort of an or-  
ganization to help them.

We have no criticism to make  
about foolish expenditures during the  
year 1926, but The Standard is of the  
opinion that if the money spent on  
the Booster Campaign and like noth-  
ings, had been put into the Himmell  
oil well, Sikeston would have had a  
better gamble to have taken on a real  
boom. It is a shame that with the  
working outfit now on the ground  
that enough local help has not been  
given to at least feed and clothe the  
men while at work.

The conference to be held at Ben-  
ton January 5 and 6 on horticulture  
and kindred subjects, should be well  
attended by those interested. Fruit,  
berry and truck growing will be dis-  
cussed by specialists from the State  
Agricultural Department, the Mis-  
souri Pacific and Frisco Railroads,  
and W. F. D. Bahjer of the Southeast  
Missouri Agriculture Association. This  
is the season of the year when  
most farmers have leisure and a good  
attendance should be out.

### CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Part of the planning mill and table  
top factory of the Himmelberger-  
Harrison Lbr. Co. have secured power  
from the Missouri Utilities Co. and  
will operate their plants from that  
source of power until the new power  
plant is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McFarling and  
children of Memphis, Tenn., are  
spending the holidays in Morehouse  
as guests of Mrs. Minnie Harris.

Miss Lucille Harp of Charleston  
visited her aunts, Miss Hattie Harp  
and Mrs. W. R. Griffin, Monday.

The Bell Telephone Company has  
instituted a "Thank You" program.  
Morehouse subscribers would thank  
them a great deal more if they in-  
stituted cheaper rates and secured a  
great many more subscribers so that  
the service would be worth the cost.

Mrs. John Himmelberger, Jr., is  
visiting her mother, Mrs. Feaster, in  
Columbia.

John Calvin shipped a carload of  
hogs from Morehouse, Tuesday.

Both the Frisco and the Iron  
Mountain Railroads have cindered  
their stockpens in Morehouse, which  
will greatly improve their service  
during the winter months.

J. W. Sarff has purchased a new  
Atwater Kent radio and installed it  
at his residence.

R. Y. Eubanks has bought the Hin-  
son land adjoining Grey Ridge on  
which he is preparing to move im-  
mediately. Several other tracts of  
land adjoining Grey Ridge have  
changed hands in the past few weeks  
at prices ranging from \$100 to \$140  
per acre.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

G. F. and W. H. Deane and Ben  
Mills motored to New Madrid Wed-  
nesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Yates of Para-  
gould, Ark., are visiting with the  
latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H.  
Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Steel and  
little daughter of New Madrid spent  
Sunday with Mrs. Mary Steele and  
son, Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Swartz attend-  
ed the show in Sikeston Tuesday.

Members of the Christian church  
were entertained at the home of Miss  
Glenda Waters Wednesday evening  
with a candy party. A most pleas-  
ant and enjoyable evening was spent  
by the young folks.

Fletcher McGregory of St. Louis  
spent the week-end visiting at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sutton.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane, L. Deane  
and W. H. Deane motored to New  
Madrid, Monday.

Miss Imogene Sparks of Sikeston  
is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Dave Mor-  
gan.

Mrs. Bert Williams and children  
of Hayti are spending the holidays  
with her mother, Mrs. Bettie Vaughn.  
Miss Thelma Davis and Mrs. Cap-  
itola Christi of East Prairie visited  
in Matthews, Monday. They also at-  
tended the funeral of Phillip Pres-  
nell Story.

G. F. Deane and son Albert motored  
to Cape Girardeau Tuesday on  
business.

Mrs. J. W. Emory and daughter,  
Miss Mayola, were Sikeston visitors,  
Monday.

### HODGES-HEUISER

Wednesday afternoon, December  
29, John Hodges and Miss Irene  
Heuiser were united in marriage in  
the Baptist church, Rev. F. E. Jones  
performing the ceremony.

Mr. Hodges is the son of James  
Hodges and is liked by everyone.  
Miss Heuiser is the daughter of  
Charles Heuiser of Brown Spur.

The immediate family and friends  
of the couple being present for the  
ceremony. Soon after the wedding,  
the guests went to the home of the  
bride's parents, where a bountiful  
feast was spread. Mr. and Mrs.  
Heuiser did not spare anything in  
making everyone feel at home.

Their many friends wish them a  
happy and prosperous married life.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bailey and son,  
Kent, were St. Louis visitor during  
the week.

### NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

Annie M. Phillips et al to Charles  
Edmonds and Elizabeth Boswell: 100  
acres of the SE 1/4 25-22-13 \$100.00.

B. F. Swartz and wife to Mary  
Carson: E 1/2 lots 8 and 9 blk. 1  
Swartz add., Catron. \$1.00.

Same to F. F. Shraman: Lots 6  
and 13 and lot 1 blk. 6 Swartz add.,  
Catron. \$360.

Howard Steel to Minnie E. Swartz:  
W 1/2 18-23-13, 331.36 acres. \$1.00.  
subj. to v \$8500.

E. R. McMann and wife to Eliza  
McMann: lots 1 and 2 blok 1, Ca-  
nalou: \$1.00.

R. C. Eldridge and wife to Gideon-  
Anderson Co.: Lots 1 and 2 blk. 12,  
Gideon-Anderson Co. \$350.

### Marriage License

Bill Lashley and Irene Trout, both  
of Pt. Pleasant.

Fletcher Cashion, Lilbourn and  
Golda Stevens, Parma.

Lawrence Patterson and Leona  
Fisher, Risco.

James A. Patterson and May Fish-  
er, Risco.

Dave Deason and Eva Edmondson,  
Sikeston.

Wesley Thirke, Bertrand and Elsie  
May Ramsey, Parma.

Marion Byler, Bertrand and Pearl  
Keel, Sikeston.

Joe Deproe and Stella Taylor, La  
Valle.

Rufus Lavender and Cora Laven-  
der, Matthews.

Eorce Smith and Pearl Victory, Ke-  
wanee.

William Martin Turner and May  
Gossett, Wardell.

Ben H. Russell, Cape Girardeau  
and Alice Kre.

### SCOUT MOW WINS BICYCLE

The four months contest in Boy  
Scout Troop No. 2, closed Thursday  
evening before Christmas. The high-  
est score made in the contest was  
1100 points, attained by Scout Robt.  
Mow. Through the courtesy of sev-  
eral business men in Sikeston, he  
was presented with the high grade  
Hibbard bicycle that has been on ex-  
hibition for several months in  
Mouser's Grocery. Scout Ewing  
Hensley made second place, with 865  
points.

The public may be able to better  
appreciate Scouting by knowing the  
things Scout Mow did to reach his  
1100 points. To that end, we enumer-  
ate his record as follows:

Attendance at all 16 Scout meet-  
ings, on time at 15 Scout meetings,  
regular payment of dues at all meet-  
ings, attended Sunday school 13 times,  
attended morning church services  
13 times, attended evening church  
services 14 times. (These religious  
credits were given for attendance at  
another church than the one with  
which the troop is connected). Finish-  
ed Second Class requirements in the  
following tests:

Elementary First Aid to the injur-  
ed.

Followed a half-mile track in 25  
minutes by use of pioneering signs  
of grass, sticks, etc.

Running 1 mile in 12 minutes at  
Scout's Pace. (Only 15 seconds either  
way allowed for variation).

Proper use of knife.

Ability to build a usable fire in the  
open, care for and extinguish.

Cooked potatoes and steak without  
utensils. (Food was required to be  
palatable).

Passed the following First Class  
requirements:

Hiked 14 miles and recorded his  
observations of things that he saw.

Advanced First Aid, including, use  
of bandages, methods of rescue, arti-  
ficial respiration, treatment of in-  
juries, etc.

Cooked eggs in the open and baked  
bread in a "twist on a stick."

Prepared a map of a farm using  
conventional signs and locating crops,  
buildings, fences, roads, trees, etc.

Demonstrated the use of an axe.

Ability to judge distance, size,  
number, height and weight.

Showed a reasonable acquaintance  
with nature in his knowledge of birds  
and stars.

Gave satisfactory evidence of liv-  
ing up to the Scout Oath and Laws.

Trained a new recruit to the rank  
of Tenderfoot, which requires the  
ability to tie nine useful knots, mem-

orizing the Scout Oath, the 12 Laws,  
sign and salute, and the history of  
the United States Flag.

In addition to the above, Scout  
Mow has earned and deposited in  
the bank as a First Class Test, at  
least \$2. To attain the rank of First  
Class Scout he needs only to swim  
50 yards and signal at the rate of 16  
letters per minute.

We recommend that the parents of  
Sikeston give Scouting a little better  
investigation and support than it  
has received. Something is designed  
to provide for the teen-age boy such  
activity and ideals that will carry him  
safely through the most trying pe-  
riod of his life and to equip him with  
useful accomplishments that will pre-  
pare him for the many emergencies  
of life. Parents will do well to seek  
a better acquaintance with this  
movement and encourage their boys  
to avail themselves of all the ad-  
vancement Scouting offers. In our  
recent contest, we undertook to apply  
the principles of Scouting in strict  
accordance with the requirements  
given us. As a result, we found that  
most of the boys were Tenderfeet, in  
fact, as well as in rank. Not having  
the support and encouragement at  
home that should have been given, a  
number of the boys dropped out of  
the contest and are no better Scouts  
now than at the beginning, and some  
of them no better than they were a  
year ago. With plenty of support  
and encouragement, Scouting can  
easily become a powerful influence  
for good in the boy life of the com-  
munity. We invite parents to visit  
our meetings, especially those who  
think they have objections to Scout-  
ing. Investigate the Troops and  
help put Scouting in Sikeston in  
earnest. —E. B. Hensley, Scoutmas-  
ter, Troop No. 2

Miss Virginia Freeman entertained  
some of her friends at her  
home on 1st. N. W. Malone Ave. and  
party Wednesday evening.

The second of the holiday dances  
given by the American Legion was  
held at the Armory Tuesday evening.  
About 115 couples attended the first  
of the dances held last Thursday  
evening and about 75 couples the last  
dance. The music was all that could  
be desired, the order above criticism  
and the girls beautiful. What more  
could be asked?

### Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the  
undersigned, Marshall A. Myers of  
the estate of Nannie A. Myers, de-  
ceased, will make final settlement of  
his accounts with said estate as such  
administrator at the next term of the  
Probate Court of Scott County, Mis-  
souri, to be holden at Benton in said  
county, on the 7th day of February,  
A. D. 1927.

MARSHALL A. MYERS,  
Administrator.

### VESPER SERVICE AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Beginning next Sunday afternoon  
at 4:30 the Christian Church will con-  
duct Vesper Service at this hour ev-  
ery Sunday afternoon through Janu-  
ary and February.

The usual service at 7:30 will be  
discontinued. The public is cordial-  
ly invited to make use of this early  
hour of worship through the winter  
season. The pastor, Rev. E. B. Hens-  
ley, will discuss at the Vesper Ser-  
vice Sunday afternoon, Senator Bor-  
ah's Peace Resolution introduced in  
the United States Senate on Decem-  
ber 9.

Mrs. Anna Hulen returned to St.  
Louis Thursday, after a visit in this  
city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
W. L. Carroll.

### Accident Costs Man An Arm

Poplar Bluff, December 28.—Chas.  
F. Robertson, 34 years old, is in a  
hospital here as a result of an acci-  
dent near Advance, late yesterday.  
Robertson, a lumber inspector went  
to Advance to inspect some lumber  
at a saw mill. He decided to take his  
gun along because of the chance of  
sighting a rabbit. Arriving at the  
mill, he stood his gun on a skid. The  
gun slipped and was discharged. The  
load of shot entered his right arm  
below the elbow. He was brought  
here and the arm was amputated.

Mrs. W. P. Wilkerson spent Christ-  
mas with her mother at Malden.  
A number of young people from  
Sikeston attended the Christmas  
Dance at New Madrid Saturday even-  
ing, notwithstanding the miserable  
weather.

### WE MUST CLOSE OUT!

Comforts, \$2.98 value ..... \$1.98  
Bleach, 15c value ..... 10c  
Blankets, \$3.15 value ..... \$1.98  
Shirts, 79c value ..... 45c  
700 Ten Cent Handkerchiefs, 2 for ..... 15c

### H. & S. ECONOMY STORE

1926

In grateful appreciation of your good  
fellowship we extend New Year  
Greetings, and our best wishes for  
your good health and happiness.

Miss M. E. Martin

Millinery and Notions

226 W. Malone Ave.

Phone 190

A Happy New Year

1927

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AND CUSTOMERS



Decker Barber Shop

Front Street, Sikeston

Let Us Serve You  
With

QUALITY MEATS

Make it a habit to stop at the Qual-  
ity Meat Market each morning for  
your meats. You will find it a prac-  
tical and economical manner of sup-  
plying your table with choice meats.  
We are here to serve you in a way  
satisfactory to you.

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Next Door to Cole's Studio



# RADIO



Radio signals, transmitted from seven powerful radio stations throughout the world, are to be used in checking longitudes to the accuracy of less than 0.02 of a second. This photograph shows Paul Sollenberger, of the United States Naval Observatory, and the radio receiving set which he designed for receiving radio signals in longitude work at San Diego, Calif., where he soon will begin making observations.

## How Air Pressure Acts on Reception

### Fair and Bad Weather Theory Right and Wrong, Says Expert.

The exact manner in which radio transmission and reception are affected by the weather still remains largely in the realm of uncertainty, but the popular belief that bad weather means poor reception, and fair weather good reception, is correct in principle, but frequently wrong in specific application, says Eugene Van Clee, a meteorological expert, in discussing radio and the weather in an article in Radio News Magazine. There does seem to be some relationship between the general atmospheric conditions accompanying a certain kind of weather and the amount of static interference. At the same time, he vouchsafes, the observations he makes of the relation of static and low pressure areas. In a progressive relation between the atmosphere, he says, "the weather is never far apart; that is, when the waves travel across areas of little difference in air pressure."

So far as the state of the weather is concerned, one may obtain as good results on a night when it is raining or snowing and blowing as when the skies are clear. All that is necessary is the right distribution of pressure. Listeners generally recognize the fact that programs come in better on clear, cold evenings than on evenings with moderate temperatures. This is due, it seems, to a lower percentage of atmospheric moisture when nights are cool than when they are warm. But it must be remembered that a cold or cool wave accompanies an intensive high pressure, in which the isobars are close together, or again we fall back on pressure distribution. One exception, however, may be noted; namely, the condition of the summer atmosphere, which may be one of relatively high moisture-content even in a high pressure area. Hence static is more common in summer than in winter. This high frequency of static may be further attributed to the greater number of low-pressure areas passing across the country, the consequent setting up of more "convection currents" and eddies in the summer's air than in winter, and the occurrence of numerous thunderstorms, which are the expressions of a highly electrified atmosphere.

These observations, then, indicate that the local weather does not determine the degree of clarity of reception or the intensity of static, but rather that quality of reception depends upon the location of the receiving instrument and the broadcasting station with respect to pressure distribution.

## To Bring Suits to Test

### Right of Wave-Jumping

One or more suits charging broadcasting stations with interference with signals from other stations are expected to be filed within the next two months, according to reports reaching Washington.

The suits will bring into court the issue of the wave-jumping broadcasters who have left assigned channels, following the abandonment of the Department of Commerce of any attempt to assert authority over the assignment of wave lengths.

Although the government itself is not expected to take any hand in the court proceedings, the broadcasters themselves who have been interfered with through the action of the wave-jumpers are planning to determine their rights in accordance with the radio law of 1912, according to the reports.

So far several cases of interference caused by wave-jumping have been settled amicably between the stations themselves and operation by the in-

terferer has been removed to other channels.

It is believed, however, by many of the leading broadcasters that a test case to determine how far the rights of a station extend under existing laws might assist them in waging their campaign for adequate radio legislation at the coming session of congress.

Under any circumstances, it is not believed that any relief from the present either congestion will be obtained until after congress assigns control to some government body or commission. Additional wave-jumpers are expected to make their appearance every week and new stations are arriving on the air at an average rate of 15 a month.

In addition to the work of persuading stations from leaving their assigned frequencies that is being carried on by the National Association of Broadcasters, the National Better Business bureau is conducting a survey of other conditions, showing the reception of a number of complaints from listeners and stations in all parts of the country.

## RADIO WAVES

Radio advertising rates are about \$400 an hour for a station in New York city. Stations elsewhere charge less.

The corporation has no stations in foreign countries, but works in many countries owned and operated by it.

The advertising program (about \$100,000 a year) is reported to be over. The advertising national international broadcasting is knocking at our doors.

Congressional legislation contemplates pending governmental control of transmission of power and "movies" by radio.

Until a year ago a 5,000-watt station was practically unknown. Now we have a dozen of them, and are beginning to flirt with the 50,000-watt stations.

About 2,000 American ships are now equipped with wireless.

It is predicted to be only a question of time until some one invents a static filter and our troubles will all be over.

With a farm population of 455,204, West Virginia has only 1,741 radio sets.

Don't try to solder with a red-hot iron; it can't be done. Wait until the tool loses its cherry glow and then work with it.

## Battery Wires Should

### Be Well Insulated

It is particularly important that the battery wires and all accessories connected to them be well insulated in all sets, as the batteries generate the strongest currents. The higher the voltage of the batteries the better must the insulation be, as high voltage causes more of a strain on insulators than low voltages. Bare wire, or wire covered only with thin layers of cotton or silk, should never be used between the "A" and "B" batteries and the set binding posts, as the weak insulation is likely to wear away and to cause a disastrous short circuit of the batteries which will manifest itself in the form of brilliant pyrotechnics and perhaps a few momentary flames.

## Easy to Spoil Panel

### by Misplaced Hole

To avoid scratching the front surface of the panel, the holes for instruments are marked out on the back of the panel and a careful checking up should be made before starting the drilling operations. Be extremely careful to turn the panel over and visualize each instrument in its place, because working on the back of the panel means working backward, and it is a simple matter to ruin the panel by a misplaced hole.

## Use Back of Knife in

### Removing Insulation

In cleaning copper wire from which the insulation has been stripped, scrape with the back of a knife blade, not with the sharp cutting edge. If this is done there will be a saving of a good edge and at the same time making a better job of the cleaning, for the dull back edge has less tendency to pare the soft copper wire than the keen one has.

# An Improved Gasoline at the Same Low Price!

Same  
Price  
As Ordinary  
Gasoline

Sold Exclusively by  
Justrite Stations  
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No need to pay several cents a gallon extra to get the new gasoline that cures carbon knocks, gives more power, more mileage and keeps your motor in perfect condition. It's on sale right here in Sikeston and all our other stations at the same low prices as ordinary gasoline. Just ask for JUSTRITE SUPER GASOLINE—the efficient, new gasoline. Try it in your own car. Prove our claims to your satisfaction. It costs no extra to make the test. The price is just what you have been paying.

JUSTRITE SUPER GASOLINE takes out the carbon knock. Gives more mileage. Starts your motor more easily. Accelerates quickly. Gives more power for the hills. Runs your motor smoothly. ALL FOR THE SAME PRICE AS ORDINARY GASOLINE.

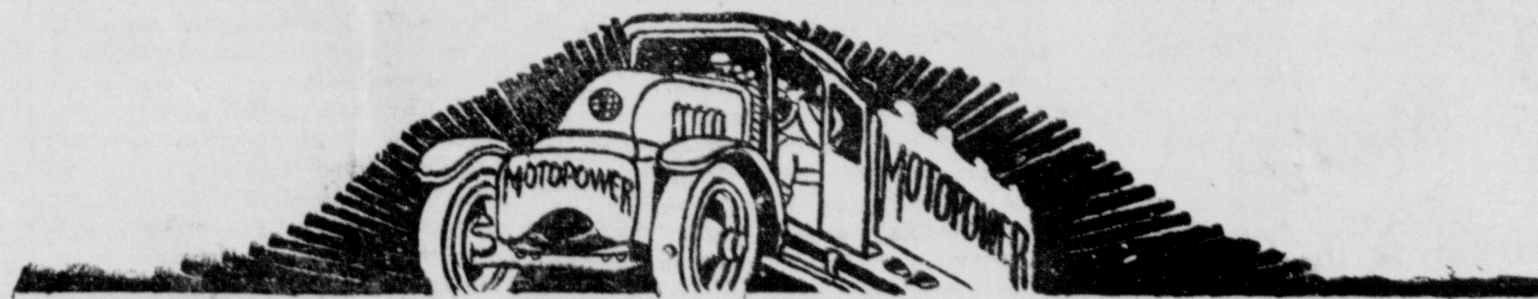
JUSTRITE SUPER GASOLINE IS "ALL THERE."

JUSTRITE SUPER GASOLINE needs no addition. It's "all there" when you buy it. Simply fill your gas tank as usual with this highly refined gasoline—then note the change in your motor's action.

## Sold Exclusively By Justrite Stations and Dealers

Justrite Oil Company,  
Corner Kingshighway and Front St., Sikeston, Mo.  
Gross Grocery ..... Sikeston, Mo.  
Talley's Place ..... Sikeston, Mo.  
J. W. Buckles ..... Sikeston, Mo.  
Morris Lynn ..... Tanner, Mo.  
Crowder Store Co. .... Crowder, Mo.  
G. W. Layton & Son ..... Vanduser, Mo.  
Robert Minner ..... McMullin, Mo.

Morehouse Motor Sales ..... Morehouse, Mo.  
Albert Daugherty ..... Matthews, Mo.  
Gossett Bros. .... Matthews, Mo.  
Canalou Motor Co. .... Canalou, Mo.  
Elon Proffer ..... Noxall, Mo.  
McGee-Hetlage ..... Kewanee, Mo.  
Justrite Oil Company ..... New Madrid, Mo.  
Van Vaughn ..... Highway No. 82



# JUSTRITE SUPER GASOLINE

Poplar Bluff

Dexter

Morehouse

Sikeston

Charleston



# Looking Into the New Year

A new year means much to those who are forward looking. Custom has decreed that at the beginning of a new year the sons of men shall take inventory of their prospects and shall reckon their needs. It is a time when the past is put behind, save for purposes of guiding experience, and the future fills the thoughts.

We thank you for business of the past and look forward with pleasure to serve you in 1927.

May peace, health and plenty be yours.

**Dudley's**  
Confectionery  
Sikeston, Mo.

Nearly five hundred whales were taken in Alaskan waters last year.

## MISSOURI AUTO DEATHS INCREASED IN NOVEMBER

Jefferson City, December 28.—Deaths from automobile accidents showed an increase in Missouri during November, when 58 fatalities are reported in a partial survey of the State Highway Department. The number is an increase of 11, compared to 47 for the month of October.

Of the total deaths for November, 28 were killed instantly and 30 died later from injuries, the report showed. In the 769 accidents upon which reports were received for the month, a total of 573 persons were injured, not including the 58 fatalities.

In October the number of motor car accidents totaled 589, against the 769 for November.

St. Louis reported 50 accidents during November; Kansas City reported 95; 498 occurred in other cities and towns and 126 on county and State roads.

Partial analysis of the causes of the November accidents shows that 54 were caused by careless driving, 33 by speeding and 28 by intoxicated drivers.

The majority of accidents were collisions, the report sets out, giving 319 of that nature. One hundred pedestrians were hit by motor cars.

An enterprising resident of Worcester, Mass., has equipped his radio set with eight loud speakers which he has installed in the homes of eight neighbors. He charges them \$2 a month each for the service.

## Night or Day

Like the physician, we are always ready to answer a call, at any hour of the night or day. It is our mission to serve immediately when our services are required. We can at all times be reached by telephone.

**JOHN ALBRITTON**  
EMBALMER

Day Phone 17 Night 111

## LOWDEN SEES DISASTER IF FARM CROP PRICES ARE NOT STABILIZED

St. Louis, December 28.—Former Gov. Frank O. Lowden, Illinois, prominently mentioned for the Republican nomination for President in 1928, speaking last night before the seventh annual meeting of the American Farmers' Economics Association at the Statler Hotel, said that stabilization of the prices of farm commodities must speedily be accomplished in the United States to head off economic disaster for the nation.

Farmers cannot go on producing food products at a loss. They are entitled to some margin of profit the same as other industries, he said.

He suggested the creation by Congress of a federal farm board vested with the power to ascertain whether there is such a surplus in any commodity as to depress the price below the cost of production with an added reasonable profit.

If the board found, as the result of its inquiries, that the market price of a particular commodity was below the cost of production, it would be authorized to empower the co-operative association of farmers for the handling of that commodity to take charge of the surplus, provided there was a representative organization.

"The only aid from the government which the co-operative would require would be that the government should distribute among all of the producers of the particular commodity the cost to the co-operative of handling the surplus," he said.

"Neither the government nor the government board would determine the price. Nor would even the co-operative itself 'fix' the price in any other sense than industry generally determines prices. It, like every other industry, would study all the conditions affecting the particular commodity and from time to time decide on a price which conditions would seem to warrant. It would simply enjoy the advantages which come from organized selling.

"It is urged, however, that if a program of stabilization such as I have suggested were carried out there would be greatly increased production, with a surplus so large as to become altogether unmanageable. Is there any basis for this fear? The argument of those who think so runs something like this:

"The farmer is now producing at a loss, and still he produces more than the world presently needs. Hence low prices. If he were now receiving profitable prices he would produce vastly more, with further demoralization of prices.

"There are, it seems to me, two vital defects in this line of reasoning. In the first place, the argument assumes that in agriculture, as in industry, unsatisfactory prices result shortly in reduced production. This is not so. In industry only a small percentage of the cost of production is in overhead charges.

"By far the larger factor consists of wages and raw materials. When, therefore, the manufacturer finds himself accumulating a larger surplus than he thinks prudent, he can reduce his production as greatly as he may desire, with something like a corresponding reduction in the cost of operation of his plant. Not so the farmer.

"The overhead charges of the farmer are the main items in cost of production and they do not materially change from year to year, whatever his acreage in crops. He furnishes for the most part his own labor. His taxes remain the same. His interest charges are the same. His equipment does not greatly vary. Therefore, when prices are low, he must increase his acreage of cash crops in order to meet his cash outlay, even though he knows he is not receiving cost of production for a single unit of his product.

"To illustrate, if the farmer's taxes and interest and the bare necessities of life for himself and his family require a cash outlay of \$2000, and prices are low, he must push his acreage in cash crops to the limit, with the hope of securing the \$2000 which stands between him and bankruptcy.

"Acting as an individual he cannot do otherwise. The more desperate, therefore, the financial situation of the farmer is, the more he is inclined to maximum production until he reaches the very end of his resources.

"In the next place, any abnormal increase in production would require the employment of new capital in agriculture. As Sir Josiah Stamp points out, new capital will be tempted into agriculture only if the rewards there are larger than the rewards in other industries. It is not proposed by anyone, so far as I know, to so change the situation as to make the rewards in agriculture larger than they are in other fields. Indeed, if the farmers should receive no more than the mere cost of production they would be much better off than they are today.

"They certainly would be satisfied with a modest return upon their cap-

ital employed—a much smaller return than industry generally enjoys. Capital therefore would not be diverted from other activities to agriculture in that situation."

Lowden did not indorse any specific agricultural remedy. He did not mention the McNary-Haugen bill, considered by the last Congress and passed by the House. When that legislation was pending he gave it a general indorsement.

Lowden recommended the early completion of a survey of agricultural resources being conducted through the United States Geological Survey, Bureau of Soils and Forestry Bureau so that a complete picture of the agricultural resources of the nation might be available.

Not only are farm commodities sold at less than production costs, bringing the farmers nearer and nearer bankruptcy and ruin, but soil depletion, Lowden said, is going forward at a dangerous rate.

"At a time when farm surpluses are driving the price of farm products below the cost of production we are adding to these surpluses by robbing the soil," he said.

"If we had the care for future generations which our great heritage demands of us, we would find means to stop this double loss.

"There is not an agricultural college in the land, I think, that does not teach that in order to maintain the soil some legume crop should be grown at least one year in four."

Lowden said if a survey of agricultural resources disclosed that there was much land devoted to cultivation which should be devoted to raising of timber, that the states could well afford to exempt such lands from taxation and substitute a tax on forest products when they were grown.

The problem of farm commodity surpluses and consequent price depressions might be solved in part, Lowden said, by the government paying a bounty to farmers who devoted part of their acreage to the growing of legumes for soil fertilization.

"England has recently seen fit to propose to pay a substantial bounty to those of her farmers who changed from other crops to root crops," he said.

"Everyone is familiar with the bounty several nations have paid for the culture of sugar beets. Surely, if a bounty to the farmer is justified for turning from one crop to another, it is abundantly justified when the purpose is to conserve the soil for further generations."

"The United States Government now receives from \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000 a year on the importation of farm products. The total acreage in cultivation in the United States amounts to 3,500,000 acres.

"If 20 per cent of this acreage were to go into legumes—and surely no soil expert would say that this at least is not needed—and a bounty of \$2 an acre were paid by the Federal Government on every acre withdrawn from cultivation, it would cost the government annually less than \$150,000,000, or considerably less than it now receives through its customs offices in the name of agriculture.

"I throw this out only as a suggestion for your consideration. Other and possibly better ways may occur to you for meeting this possible emergency.

"The National Industrial Conference Board, in its admirable report upon the agricultural problem recently issued, finds that agriculture has been able to go on in recent years 'largely through sacrifice of its capital assets and through sacrifice of the soil resources of the nation'."

"It is clear that the great agricultural plant of America has been running down at a dangerous pace. Of course this affects and affects deeply the farmer. However, it involves the very life of the nation as well. Persons who live in the cities naturally are inclined to interest themselves only in the immediate price they have to pay for food. They do not concern themselves as to whether or not the farmer receives enough to enable him to go on producing. And yet, they are vitally interested.

"For if the farmer does not receive an adequate price he will finally cease to produce. No one, whether manufacturer or farmer, can go on indefinitely producing unless he receives at least the cost of production for the thing he sells. The result will be fewer farmers. This result is already in evidence. A report recently issued by the Department of Agriculture states that the farm population of the United States was reduced by almost a half million during the last year.

"This trend cannot go on very long until there is a shortage of food, with abnormal and unnecessary high prices to the consumers of food. And that is what the economists predict if nothing be done to avert the calamity; relatively low prices to the farmer for a number of years, and then, because of a shortage of supply, abnormally high prices. The city dweller, therefore, is vitally interested in

having the farmer receive such price for his product as to enable him to go on producing.

"Experience in other industries has shown that the producer and the consumer are both best served as prices tend to become stabilized. Progress in an industry is measured by its approach to stabilization or price. Wide fluctuations in the price of any commodity always result in a loss to the producer and consumer alike.

"The tendency in America for the last quarter of a century has been toward stabilized prices save in agriculture alone. In agricultural products, however, the swing of prices in recent years has been more violent than ever before. To illustrate, during the years 1923, 1924 and 1925 the price of hogs fluctuated about 100 per cent.

"The fluctuation in the price of pork products to the consumer was about a third of this. During the same period the price of wheat fluctuated 100 per cent. The fluctuation in the price of bread to the consumer was less than 5 per cent. It is clear the consumer derives no benefit from the low price at which agricultural products at times have sold.

"It may be that there is a better solution of the problem than the one I have suggested. I am not insisting upon any particular remedy. I only say there is a farm problem of the gravest importance and that a solution must be found if we would preserve our civilization. There are many earnest men who believe there is no solution. I come across them with increasing frequency.

"They say that there has been always a conflict between rural and urban civilization; that in this conflict rural civilization always has gone down; that there is no reason why we should be an exception to the general rule; that a decaying agriculture always has marked the first stage in the decline of a nation's greatness, and that we are helpless in the grip of this relentless law of the rise and fall of nations. I cannot yield to this gloomy view.

"I do not agree that our rural civilization is in a perilous state. I agree with them when they say our nation cannot long survive the decay of agriculture. I cannot follow them, however, in their despair of finding some power somewhere which will arrest this decay."

Organization of the farmers for the purpose of marketing their crops is progressing, Lowden said, but he doubted if the farm associations will ever become strong enough to take care of the ever-present problem of surplus "unless some way be found by which the cost of handling the surplus is borne equally by all producers of the particular commodity."

He pointed out that where producers are only partly organizers, non-members receive the full benefit of the increased price, and share none of the expenses of achieving it.

## TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in payment of dues, interest and authorized advances, equal to more than six months dues and interest payment, secured by note described in deed of trust executed by J. W. Spies, Sr., and his wife Amelia M. Spies, dated May Twentieth, Nineteen hundred Twenty-Four, and recorded on the Eighteenth Day of June, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Four, in office of Recorder of Deeds for Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, in Book number 45, at Page number 112, conveying to undersigned the following described real estate and improvements thereon in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of Lot number Five (5) in Block number Four (4) of McCoy and Tanners First Addition to the City of Sikeston, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.

Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note and deed of trust and the legal holder and owner of said note and deed of trust having declared the whole debt due as secured thereby, I will, at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1927 between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. of said day sell the above described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Post Office in the Town or City of, Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, for the purpose of satisfying said debt and costs.

LEE B. EWING, Trustee

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## Notice Of Administration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That Letters Testamentary on the estate of Ellen West, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of December, 1926, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

JAMES L. WEST, Executor.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

Thos. B. Dudley, Probate Judge

## Notice of Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders' meeting of the Peoples Bank of Sikeston will be held at its banking house in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on the 4th day of January, 1927.

Said meeting will be convened at 9 o'clock a. m. and continued during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meeting is called be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect seven directors for the said bank, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

F. M. SIKES, President.

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